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# 2020 VISION

Army plans to implement 6-event PT test, designed to better predict combat performance, in 2 years

By COREY DICKSTEIN ■ Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON

The Army will roll out its long-planned update to its physical fitness test during the next two years, with a new six-event assessment that will dramatically improve the service's ability to predict how a soldier will perform in combat, senior officials said Monday.

By October 2020, the new test, dubbed the Army Combat Fitness Test, will replace the three-event Army Physical Fitness Test, which was used for nearly four decades, said Maj. Gen. Malcolm Frost, the chief of the Army's Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis in Virginia. By that time, soldiers across the force will have to pass the new test twice a year to remain in the service.

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## Pentagon preparing for surge of DOD civilian employees to Afghanistan

**By J.P. LAWRENCE**  
*Stars and Stripes*

The Pentagon is preparing for a one-time surge of civilian employees to Afghanistan to eliminate a shortage of nonmilitary personnel that officials say could jeopardize efforts to secure the country and assist its

embattled government.

Less than 70 percent of positions for Department of Defense civilians are filled in Afghanistan — and that number is trending downward, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in a June 29 memo. The employment of civilians is seen as crucial

because it frees up servicemembers from support roles and enables them to focus on the military mission.

"We are at a critical point in Afghanistan — moving forward in stabilizing operations and building Afghan ministerial capacity — but continued progress requires maximum fill of validated civilian positions,"

Mattis said in the memo.

Mattis called for an immediate "one-time surge" of expeditionary civilians, which the Pentagon uses partly to reduce reliance on contractors and lower the deployment burden for servicemembers.

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## PACIFIC

# Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft have Japanese fan club

BY AYA ICHIHASHI  
*Stars and Stripes*

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTEMMA, Japan — On an island where locals often seem fearful of U.S. military aircraft, a group of Okinawan aviation buffs has fallen in love with the MV-22 Osprey.

The Okinawa Osprey Fan Club, whose members attend the annual Futenma Flight Line Fair and help clean up outside the base, has more than 13,000 Facebook followers who post photographs and articles about their favorite flying machines.

Group members wear T-shirts with images of Ospreys and aren't shy about expressing their admiration for the hybrid aircraft, which can take off like a helicopter and then use tilt-rotors to fly long distances as fixed-wing planes.

The group is the polar opposite of anti-base protesters who gather regularly outside U.S. facilities on Okinawa and mainland Japan, holding photographs of crashed and damaged aircraft.

Protests and complaints greeted the aircraft's arrival on Okinawa in July 2012, as the Osprey replaced decades-old Marine Corps helicopters.

The protests have continued, spurred by incidents such as the December 2016 ditching of an Osprey into the sea off the Okinawan coast. In February, the commander of one of Okinawa's two MV-22 Osprey squadrons was fired, nearly six months after a crash off Australia's eastern coast killed three Marines.

Anti-base activists chanted "No Osprey" in Tokyo when a detachment of Air Force CV-22 Ospreys began arriving at Yokota Air Base



Courtesy of the Okinawa Osprey Fan Club

**Japanese people wear T-shirts emblazoned with images of the iconic MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.**

in April.

The protests present a sharp contrast with the fan club members who smiled and posed for photos with one of the aircraft at the Futenma Flight Line Fair on Sunday.

One fan, who identified himself only by his last name, Yamashiro, had plenty of praise for the aircraft.

"Osprey has the best technology," he said. "Even if one engine breaks, the other can compensate, and the design of the aircraft is just amazing."

Osprey fans are as effusive in their online praise.

Katsunori Tsuji, for example, commented recently on the fan club page that he likes the Osprey "... because it looks so cool."

Kazuaki Matsuura wrote that he's excited about the aircraft's future.

"It's still in the middle of devel-

opment, and we can expect many other types of Ospreys in the future," he wrote on Facebook.

In April, Rie Kido posted about her memories of Marine Corps Ospreys bringing relief to survivors of the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes on Japan's southern island of Kyushu.

"I remember being there as a volunteer and that Ospreys flew above me, and it gave me a sense of comfort and relief from instability; and I truly appreciated their support from the bottom of my heart," Kido wrote. "Not only were people not complaining about their presence there, but they were also appreciating their support."

The fan club's founder, Mikako Miyagi, a professional interpreter from Naha, Okinawa, said she started the group in 2012 to promote positive stories about the

Osprey.

Miyagi has watched and read plenty of local media reports about the supposed dangers of the aircraft, but after doing her own research, she decided it had gotten a bad rap.

The Osprey could be a useful disaster relief tool for the Japan Self-Defense Force, which plans to purchase its own fleet of the tilt-rotor aircraft.

"We're not right-winger nor left-winger," she said of the fan club in a recent phone interview. "We are here to help represent the good side of Marines and sailors on Okinawa that none of the media sheds light on."

The Osprey fans have befriended American military personnel, she said, noting that she and her husband attended a Marine Corps birthday ball on Futenma.

Miyagi's pro-Osprey stance put her at odds with one of the anti-

base activists when she arrived at Futenma with her family for an event the Marines organized to show locals their aircraft a few years ago.

When the family's vehicle approached the base, an elderly female protester yelled, "Why are you bringing your children to show them the Osprey?" she recalled.

The woman hit Miyagi on the head with a "No Osprey" sign and kicked her car's rear door close to where her two daughters were sitting, she said.

"Excited protesters surrounding the on-base school bus and screaming at innocent children isn't the right thing to do," she added.

"This is why our group will not counterprotest. Protesters are too violent and dangerous."

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**Above:** Pfc. Alex Collier, foreground, pulls a 90-pound sled 50 meters, a simulation of pulling a battle buddy out of harm's way. **Below:** Staff Sgt. Joel Demillo demonstrates the standing power throw, part of the Army Combat Fitness Test.

## A look at the Army's new and old PT test

The chart below is a basic comparison of the Army's current Army Physical Fitness Test, which has been used for nearly four decades, and the proposed Army Combat Fitness Test, which service officials said will be implemented by October 2020.

	Current test	New test
Name:	Army Physical Fitness Test	Army Combat Fitness Test
Number of events:	3	6
Events:	Pushups, situps, 2-mile run	Strength deadlift; standing power throw; hand-release pushup; sprint, drag, carry; leg tuck; 2-mile run
Standards:	Based on gender and age	Will be age and gender neutral, likely to be based on job and/or unit
Rest time between events:	10-20 minutes	2 minutes between first five events and 5 minutes before 2-mile run
Maximum time to complete test:	2 hours	50 minutes
Maximum score:	300 (each event is worth 100 points)	To be determined
Minimum score to pass:	180 (60 on each test)	To be determined

SOURCE: Compiled from information provided by the Army

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## Test: Although events chosen, requirements aren't finalized

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But the test still needs some tweaking, Frost said Monday at the Pentagon.

While the service's top officials have finalized the events that the new test will include, they have yet to determine what requirements soldiers must meet in those exercises to pass the test, the general said. The Army will begin training soldiers in 60 battalions across the service in October to take the test in a yearlong study to determine its ultimate event standards.

"We don't need to rush into this and we're not going to," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Dan Dailey, the service's top enlisted soldier. "We're going to take about a year to do a lot of assessment of this... because we don't have all the answers yet."

The events chosen are designed to mimic actions that soldiers regularly perform in combat situations or evaluate specific aspects of physical fitness, Dailey and Frost said.

The events are:

- **Strength deadlift.** Soldiers will perform three repetitions of deadlift at the heaviest weight they are capable of between 120 and 420 pounds. The deadlift replicates picking up heavy equipment or a wounded comrade in combat.

- **Standing power throw.** Soldiers will throw a 10-pound medicine ball backward as far as they can. The exercise tests muscular explosive power, replicating a fellow soldier over an obstacle or moving rapidly across uneven terrain.

- **Hand-release pushup.** Soldiers will perform as many hand-release pushups as possible in two minutes. In a hand-release pushup, soldiers lift their hands and arms from the ground at the



bottom of the pushup.

- **Sprint, drag, carry.** Soldiers will twice sprint up and down a 25-meter lane, drag a 90-pound sled up and down the lane, and carry two 40-pound kettlebell weights up and down the lane. The exercises are meant to simulate pulling a soldier to safety, moving quickly to cover or carrying gear.

- **Leg tuck.** Hanging from a pullup bar, soldiers will lift their legs up and down touching their knees or thighs to their elbows as many times as possible during two minutes. The exercise strengthens core muscles, requiring more

strength than traditional situps ■ **2-mile run.** Soldiers will complete the test with a 2-mile run, as they must in the APFT. However, Frost said, soldiers will have only five minutes of rest between the leg tuck and the run, which will likely slow their times by 45 seconds to two minutes compared with the current test.

The new fitness test will be designed to be gender and age neutral, Frost said. That does not mean every soldier in the Army will be required to achieve the same base scores, however. Among the aspects that the Army will begin to study in October is whether certain military occupational specialties — such as infantrymen or cannon crewmembers — should have higher test score standards than others or whether certain units require higher standards, he said.

That does mean that senior leaders in brigades or battalions will be held to the exact same standards as their much younger soldiers, Frost said. To command at any level, leaders will have to pass the ACFT standards set for their unit or job.

Feedback from some soldiers on the new test submitted through official channels has been "overwhelmingly positive," according to the Army.

"As we all know, physical fitness training can become rather monotonous if people train the same way," said Michael McGurk, the director of research and analysis at the Army's Center for Initial Military Training. "So, a lot of them saw this as a great change and how it required them to use different muscles."

But privately and on social media, some soldiers expressed mixed reactions to the new test. Many of them who said they were in favor of the updated fitness as-

sessment agreed with Dailey's and Frost's assertions that it would better prepare soldiers to fight rather than simply to pass a test.

Some others raised concerns, including the need for specific equipment to train for the test, risk of injury if some of the tasks are not performed with proper form and whether the current test needs replacing at all.

Army Maj. Rick Montcalm, the deputy director of the Army's Modern War Institute at West Point, outlined several of those common concerns expressed privately by soldiers about the Army Combat Fitness Test in a recent essay published on the institute's website before the service officially approved the new test.

Montcalm described the new test as "much more intensive" and agreed the ACFT would better assess soldiers' abilities to fight. Among his chief concerns, however, is the cost to outfit units with the equipment needed for the tests.

Frost said the Army intends to supply each Army battalion with 15 sets of the gear needed, including the medicine balls, the bar and weights for deadlifts, the pullup bars, weight sleds and kettlebells. In total, the gear is expected initially to cost the Army about \$30 million, he said.

"That's a big budget hit to swallow after almost four decades of a nearly cost-free physical fitness assessment," Montcalm wrote. "That also doesn't address associated costs of equipment replacement over time or potentially reconfiguring on-base fitness facilities to allow soldiers to train for these new tasks."

The equipment is expected to last units about 10 years, Frost said.

Montcalm suggested the exer-

cises could largely be done using actual combat gear, instead of fielding new equipment to each Army battalion.

"Rather than purchasing kettlebells to simulate carrying ammunition, why not carry ammunition cans?" he wrote. "... it would be easy to fill them with a set amount of weight and use them for the test."

The ACFT is the culmination of nearly seven years of study of soldiers' physical fitness capabilities, Frost said. While the old test was an effective tool for measuring general physical fitness, the new test is designed specifically to measure how fit a soldier is to perform combat tasks — such as loading artillery rounds, conducting long patrols, evacuating wounded comrades or hauling supplies on the battlefield, he said.

"The current physical fitness test is only a 40 percent predictor ... for effectiveness of performing your tasks in combat," Frost said. "(This new) test is approximately an 80 percent predictor of performance in combat."

If soldiers embrace the new test, he said, it should help change the service's overall attitude toward physical fitness, an aspect Montcalm raised in his essay.

"The challenge we have — too many folks only train for the current test to pass the test," Frost said. "So this is a cultural problem that needs to be changed in the Army, where we train on all aspects of physical fitness so we are better prepared for combat."

"It's simple — if you are training for this (new) PT test, then you are training for combat."

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# MILITARY

## Surge: New system extends terms of civilians already in country, offers predictability

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The DOD began efforts to send its civilians to war zones in 2008 as a result of public concern over the use of private contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, they will support roles and serve as advisers to security ministries.

The Pentagon will shift its current ad hoc volunteer process to a system in which each component will be assigned requirements to fill, the memo said. The new rules will apply beginning Oct. 1.

The various components of the military, including its combatant commands and agencies, will be required to maintain a pool of civilians who are able to deploy.

Options to fill those requirements, Mattis said in the memo, include extending the terms of civilians already in the country, speeding up the process for those waiting to deploy and temporarily deploying civilians with certain skills for short-term stints.

The new system will allow the military greater predictability so that leaders can seek volunteers or establish plans to hire new employees, Pentagon spokeswoman Rebecca Rebarich said in an email.

"The program change recognizes the long-term need and importance of DOD civilian support to uniformed personnel in expeditionary missions, such as Afghanistan," Rebarich said. "This DOD civilian support is an enduring requirement and one that requires advance planning to be successful. That is the purpose of the change."

Every effort will be made to reach these requirements on a voluntary basis, although the memo noted management has the long-standing authority to direct assignments for civilian employees, including deployments.

There is no intent or plan to implement involuntary civilian deployments, Rebarich said.

Given existing shortages, Mattis said he expects the transition to the new system over the next few months to be "especially challenging."

### Looking for volunteers

The DOD has long struggled to find enough civilians willing or allowed to deploy to war zones because of a lack of direction on how to treat their downrange, a 2016 report by the Rand Corp. found.

"There's really no career incentives to deploy and actually, there are career disincentives," Molly Dunigan, lead author of the report, told Stars and Stripes.

If the military wants more civilians to volunteer to go downrange, it will need to provide additional incentives such as awards and recognition, said Dunigan, who is a senior political scientist at Rand.

The new system, Dunigan said, could provide better support for

civilian employees than what exists now.

Expeditionary civilians in Afghanistan serve technical roles such as logistics specialists, construction workers, security personnel and computer management, according to a 2017 DOD statement. The intelligence community maintains a separate program for deploying its civilian workforce.

Military personnel are considered generalists, while civilians can specialize in one field, said Preston Butler, a retired Army officer who worked with DOD civilians and now handles military contracts in Saudi Arabia for a private contractor.

"Civilians give stability, while the military personnel are moving around all the time," Butler said. "They're going to be the most knowledgeable because that's all they're there to do."

### A long-running war

America's long-running war in Afghanistan has stretched the capabilities of its armed forces, leading to efforts beginning in 2008 to deploy civilian volunteers. By December 2011, there were nearly 3,000 serving in Afghanistan.

DOD civilians primarily deploy to bases on yearlong contracts under U.S. Central Command, which covers the Middle East and Afghanistan.

As of September 2017, there were still 1,200 appropriated fund civilians in Afghanistan, according to the Defense Manpower Data System's online data.

Those civilians needed permission from their management to leave their current jobs to work in Afghanistan, the Rand report said.

Often, employers couldn't hire a temporary employee to work during a civilian's deployment. Interviews showed bosses and co-workers would often get mad at the civilian deploying, Dunigan said.

An official with Special Operations Command told Rand that "high-performing" people were not let go by the parent organization.

Meanwhile, civilians said they were risking their career progression by taking a year to leave their jobs, the report said.

Ronald D. Godsey, a DOD civilian in Saudi Arabia, said going overseas could help a person's career — but that depends on how a future hiring board views overseas service.

"In my experience, there are many civil servants who have never been overseas and don't understand the additional experience gained from an overseas assignment and won't necessarily view that experience favorably," Godsey said.

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**A KC-135 Stratotanker sits on a ramp at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on May 23, 2017.**

## USAF planes damaged by tropical storm on Guam

BY WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The Air Force is assessing damage to aircraft at Andersen Air Force Base caused by Tropical Storm Maria as it passed over Guam on Tuesday morning.

In anticipation of the storm's arrival, 18 F-15 Eagle fighters and eight F-22 Raptor stealth fighters were moved from Okinawa's Kadena Air Base to Yokota Air Base in Tokyo.

Moore declined to answer questions about the decision to leave aircraft in place on Guam. Outside the base, the island experienced some flooding and electrical outages from the tropical storm, but no serious damage or injuries. The storm's force surprised many residents, particularly because Guam's official storm readiness never rose above level 4, which means "normal" weather conditions for the next 72 hours, the Guam Morning Post reported.

Defense News has reported that an unspecified number of KC-135

refueling tankers were damaged in the storm.

After passing Guam, Maria morphed into a full-fledged typhoon by the time it reached Okinawa on Tuesday morning.

"Operations continued after recovering from the immediate impacts of the storm," said Capt. James Moore, a spokesman for Pacific Air Forces headquartered in Honolulu, in a statement Monday.

"Damage assessments are ongoing," he said. "No fleets have been grounded."

Moore declined to specify the types or number of aircraft damaged, the projected length and cost of repairs or whether specific aircraft have been grounded.

Andersen's 36th Wing referred questions about the damage to PACAF.

Defense News has reported that an unspecified number of KC-135

questioned the decision to keep the level at 4, the Post said. Sablan said the condition level gave the public "a false sense of safety" and did not prompt the opening of any storm shelters.

The Air Force is in the process of building a divert field on the island of Tinian, about 120 miles north of Guam, which could provide a handy site for relocating aircraft from Andersen.

It would become the only divert airfield in the Western Pacific and "provide the U.S. Air Force the capability to conduct either a planned or sustained refueling operations from an additional location in the region," former Chief of Staff of the Air Force Mark Welsh said in 2016 when the site was selected. "It will also give us another location to use when supporting contingency or natural disasters responses in the region."

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## Squadron of 7 Ospreys arrives in Hawaii

BY WYATT OLSON  
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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Seven MV-22 Ospreys arrived in Hawaii on Saturday beginning a permanent relocation of a tilt-rotor squadron from San Diego.

The Ospreys were transported from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard, the Marines said in a statement.

The aircraft are part of the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363, or VMM-363, and they are

the first of 12 to be transferred. The final five are expected to arrive later this month, the Marines said.

Ospreys are able to land vertically like a helicopter and fly like a fixed-wing aircraft.

VMM-363's new command is Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

The squadron was activated in 2012 at Miramar as part of Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Marines were flying Ospreys in Hawaii before this latest group of aircraft arrived.

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268 operates 12 Ospreys out of the Kaneohe Bay, which is on the windward side of Oahu. Some of those are on a rotational deployment to Darwin, Australia.

"VMM-363's capabilities will significantly enhance the Marine Corps' ability to perform humanitarian assistance and disaster response, respond to crises and fulfill other alliance roles in the Indo-Pacific region," the Marines said.

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The autobahn construction project replacing the lateral bridge between the exits for Kaiserslautern-West and Kaiserslautern-East is due to be completed by the end of August.

## As autobahn construction ends, Ramstein set for more roadwork

BY MARCUS KLOECKNER  
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**KAIERSLAUTERN, Germany** — The good news for tens of thousands of U.S. personnel and family members in the vicinity of Ramstein Air Base is that seven years of snarled highway traffic is likely nearing an end next month.

The downside, especially for rush-hour commuters, is that a new project on a bridge and a traffic circle near the base will take about three years to complete.

The construction on the autobahn — known around the world for portions that lack any speed limit — has slowed traffic in places to a limit of 60 kilometers per hour, or about 37 mph, on a 12-mile stretch of the A6 between Kaiserslautern and Landstuhl.

The projects underscore the difficulties of keeping Germany's extensive roadway system, large portions of which were built before or during WWII, in safe condition as traffic crosses the center of Europe.

Transportation officials said that all of the autobahns are old in the state of Rheinland-Pfalz, which includes Ramstein Air Base and several Army installations. Meanwhile, traffic volume is in-

creasing and trucks carry heavier loads than in the past, said Verena Bluemling, spokeswoman at the state's Federal Mobility Office in Koblenz.

"You can see a perpetual repaving," Bluemling said.

There are about 40 autobahn construction sites in Rheinland-Pfalz due to more state and federal money being made available, Bluemling said.

Bridges, in particular, weren't built to withstand the pounding they're taking now, said Volker Priebe, the Federal Mobility Office manager in charge of the project beginning in October in Einsiedlerhof, near Ramstein Air Base's east gate.

The bridge at Einsiedlerhof is in "critical condition" and the work "could not wait any longer," Priebe said.

An old bridge will be removed, two new bridges will be built and the circle at road L369 near the air base will be replaced with a two-lane "turbo circle." Each side of the road will have two lanes upon completion, according to plans.

About 20,000 vehicles, many of them driven by Americans, use L369 daily.

The goal is to keep the adjoining access road to the autobahn open, especially since all the traffic for

the construction site at the new U.S. military hospital outside the air base goes through Einsiedlerhof, Priebe said.

The construction on the 100-foot-high Lautertal bridge, which forms part of the A6, has been far more complicated.

The work on the bridge could have been done faster by shutting it down and using detours, Priebe said. But that would have caused gridlock in Kaiserslautern, a city of more than 100,000 people.

Ramstein base officials were briefed on the construction at a meeting in June. They are confident that German authorities will minimize congestion and disruptions as the Einsiedlerhof construction moves forward, base spokesman Kilian Bluemlein said Tuesday.

However, Bluemlein added in an email that "inconveniences cannot be avoided with construction of a road which sees dense traffic all year through."

"For this purpose we will advise all Ramstein Air Base members and commuters to consider construction, apply caution and appropriate road safety and allow for some extra time to avoid delays," Bluemlein said.

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## Former Marine colonel sentenced in abuse case

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
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The former commander of the Marine Corps' Wounded Warrior Regiment was sentenced Tuesday to 18 months in prison for abusing children.

Former Col. Todd Shane Tomko pleaded guilty the same day to three counts of misdemeanor assault and battery at the Virginia Beach Circuit Court in Virginia.

Tomko, 55, had been charged with indecent liberties, aggravated sexual battery, and child abuse and neglect involving three children related to him beginning in 2002. Tomko had maintained a high profile, meeting with celebrities, politicians and royalty, until he was forced to retire from the Marine Corps in July 2016 due to sexual harassment and other charges.

Tomko, who had become the pastor of the Parkview Church after retiring, has been in custody

since his arrest last November in Quincy, Ill., on federal warrants. He has spent the last several months in the Virginia Beach City Jail.

Tomko will get credit for time served in jail while awaiting execution in Illinois, according to the plea agreement.

Half of his prison sentence — another 18 months — was suspended. Tomko must "remain of uniform good behavior during incarceration and for 2 years thereafter," according to the agreement.

Additionally, he is prohibited from contacting the victims in the case, now adults, or their parents.

In 2016, Tomko spent two months in military confinement and was fined \$10,000 after driving drunk to his own arraignment on sexual harassment charges and violating a restraining order. In a plea agreement, abusive sexual contact and fraternization charges were withdrawn and all but \$10,000 of his fine was suspended.

Four active-duty and retired general officers testified for Tomko as character witnesses, including retired Gen. John F. Kelly, former commander of U.S. Southern Command and now White House chief of staff.

Tomko was relieved of command of the Wounded Warrior Regiment in February 2015.

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# Soldier's family detained during Fort Drum visit

BY CRAIG FOX  
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**WATERTOWN, N.Y.** — Two family members of a Fort Drum soldier are in border protection custody in Batavia after they were detained on the Fourth of July while trying to gain access to the post for an Independence Day celebration.

A television station in New York City reported that Brooklyn residents Concepcion and Margarito Silva were attempting to visit their son-in-law for a holiday celebration when they were stopped at a gate on post because they didn't have proper credentials.

The couple, originally from Mexico, have lived in New York City for more than 20 years. They were undocumented but were given an official Department of Labor permanent work permit in 2007, according to the report.

They had hoped to visit their pregnant daughter and her husband, the Silva's children, Eduardo and Perla, told the station. The son-in-law is a sergeant who served in Afghanistan and is about to be deployed again.

In a statement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the couple admitted they were in the country illegally.

In an email, a Border Protection spokesman said the couple were charged "with being in the country without admission or parole."

Border patrol and Fort Drum are not confirming the identification of the couple.

Fort Drum provided the following statement:

"On July 4th, 2018, two people attempted to gain access to Fort Drum without Department of Defense approved identification, which all visitors are required to present. Fort Drum Security personnel identified a discrepancy with their passports. This prompted security personnel to contact U.S. Customs and Border Patrol."

According to a Fort Drum spokeswoman, the couple presented a New York City identifi-



Concepcion and Margarito Silva

cation but that identification isn't accepted by the U.S. Army, so they were asked to provide further identification.

Their passports indicated they were undocumented, according to Fort Drum.

They were taken into custody and transported about three hours away to the Buffalo Federal Detention Center in Batavia, where they were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement to await for a hearing before an immigration judge, the Border Protection spokesman said.

Eduardo and Perla Silva could not be reached for comment.

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## MILITARY

# 'Torpedo Town' tests underwater drones

BY JULIANNE STANFORD

*The Kitsap Sun*

KEYPORT, Wash. — For the past 100 years, Keyport has been home to one of the Navy's primary efforts to research, develop and test torpedoes, which earned the small waterfront community the moniker of "Torpedo Town, U.S.A."

Now, Keyport's Naval Undersea Warfare Center is becoming the modern testing ground for a new type of technology that silently operates in the depths — unmanned undersea vehicles, or UUVs.

Those unmanned undersea vehicles are essentially "pre-programmed, small submarines," said Cmdr. Scott Smith, commanding officer of the Navy's newly formed Unmanned Undersea Vehicle Squadron 1.

The squadron's UUVs range from 10-inch torpedo-shaped tubes to large submersibles more than 80 inches in diameter. Many of the UUVs used at Keyport are commercially available from companies like Bluefin Robotics or Riptide Autonomous Solutions.

The squadron has been tasked with developing the tactics, techniques and procedures that will shape how the Navy will use the unmanned undersea vehicles.

Eventually, the Navy will use UUVs for a variety of missions. Today, they are capable of reducing the risk to divers in the water and extending sensory capabilities for underway submarines, Smith said.

"We'll use UUVs in those areas that are too dangerous to put a manned vessel, and on the other side, we'll use UUVs where it's just too mundane for a long-term mission to keep a sailor out there," Smith said.

"Those are really the two places I see UUVs working, but we'll never replace the manned systems. In my mind, we'll always need submarines out there doing what submarines do."

The Navy currently doesn't operate unmanned undersea vehicles from submarines, but Smith foresees a potential for rapid growth with the platform.

"Five years down the road, I'd like to see two UUVs on every submarine in the fleet," Smith said.

The squadron has already tested its expertise and training with a few real-world situations. It has helped to recover a lost item in Sinclair Inlet that fell over the side of a patrol boat. It assisted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in tracking down a misplaced piece of equipment in the Na-noose Range near Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

In another instance with significantly higher stakes, a team of six of the squadron's sailors deployed in December to assist with the international search and recovery efforts of the Argentinean navy's lost submarine, A.R.A. San Juan, in the south Atlantic Ocean. The submarine disappeared Nov. 17 with 44 crewmembers aboard.

Although efforts to locate the submarine's whereabouts have been unsuccessful, the crew was able to provide assistance in the early days of the search efforts with the UUVs' capability to perform side-scan sonar, which uses sonar echoes to create images of large areas of the seafloor.

In the past year, the squadron has grown from 28 sailors with a handful of operational UUVs to 35 sailors and more than a dozen UUVs.

By next fall, Smith said the squadron's manpower will almost double in size and, by fiscal year 2023, it is projected to quadruple from its current size.

With that growth, Smith said the Navy is interested in adding billets that could bring subject matter experts to the squadron,



Above: Electronics Technician 1st Class Eric Maculanlan looks over drones at Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, Wash., last month.

Left: Small unmanned underwater drones are displayed at Naval Base Kitsap.

LARRY STEAGALL, KITSAP (WASH.) SUN/AP



such as meteorologists who could analyze sea conditions for operational planning or operational specialists from the surface community.

"We recognize there's going to be UUV operations from all facets of the Navy, and we don't want to stowpive ourselves just into submarines," Smith said.

Unlike its aerial counterparts, once an undersea drone is launched it can't be controlled by an operator on the ground. That means that before launch a UUV's entire mission protocol has to be coded in advance of getting underway.

"Once they go underwater, you can't control them with any type of Wi-Fi or signals," Smith said. "Within about 2,000 yards, you can do acoustic; you can put buoys and boops into the water with very,

for more than four years. He was on the cusp of deciding to get out of the Navy when he learned about the possibility of working with the UUVs.

"It was new to me. It sounded like something fun to do," he said. "It's a lot different aspect and view of the Navy and what happens in the Navy other than being on a submarine with operational life."

Last fall, the Navy decided to formally establish the squadron, and it began operating on Oct. 1.

The squadron is a part of Submarine Development Squadron 5, which is the operational command that oversees the Seawolf-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarines USS Seawolf, USS Connecticut and USS Jimmy Carter.

Keyport is the natural place to locate the new command, said Capt. Doug LaCoste, commanding officer of NUWC Keyport.

"The goal is that [they'll be] able to leverage some of the knowledge that Keyport has in recovering these UUVs that we call torpedoes, which we've done for decades," LaCoste said.

In one instance, one of the squadron's undersea vehicles crushed its nose cone after colliding with an uncharted rock out in the water near Keyport during a training exercise.

Without the shore installation's assistance, it would have taken months to obtain a replacement nose cone from the manufacturer and get the UUV back in working order. Instead, the UUV was back in business a few days later after Keyport was able to 3D-print a replacement nose cone in about a day, Smith said.

Smith said the installation's proximity to the water makes it an ideal place for testing the squadron's tech.

"We can pick a UUV right up and you and I can carry it out to the water right out there and put it in," he said.

The squadron is housed in Keyport's Barb Hall, which is named after the legendary World War II-era Gato-class submarine USS Barb.

The Barb is credited with an impressive wartime record, with 12 war patrols. The sub sank five Japanese warships and damaged or sank 34 merchant ships. Most notably, the submarine is credited with "sink" an enemy supply train after crewmembers snuck ashore on Japanese soil and set up explosive charges on the train track.

"The idea is that the Barb did new and different things, things that were outside of the box," LaCoste said. "That's the idea of bringing UVVRON here."

As the squadron's size and mission grows, LaCoste said Keyport is looking forward to continuing to support the Navy's development of the technology.

"It's going to grow, and what I want to do is to be ready for the growth," LaCoste said.

"As UVVRON develops the tactics to be able to operationally use UUVs, we need to have the infrastructure; we need to be able to test them out here locally and provide feedback."

With that expansion, Smith said it was important for the squadron to continue to build upon Keyport's reputation as a considerate neighbor to those who live in the community around the installation.

"We want to make sure everyone on the water knows what we're doing and make sure that we're respectful to the recreational boaters right to be out on the water," Smith said.

"I think that's important for people to know that the military cares and my sailors certainly do."

# WAR ON TERRORISM

# 'A bad dream'

A neighbor's word can bring death sentence in Iraq ISIS trials



MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

Death row prisoner Ismail Saleh poses for a portrait at the Eagles' Cell counterterrorism intelligence office in Baghdad.

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*Associated Press*

**BAGHDAD** — More than a decade ago, Ismail Saleh says, a neighbor wanted to marry one of Saleh's cousins. Following the custom of their clan in northern Iraq, she was meant to wed Saleh, so the family refused. And thus, he says, a feud was born.

Saleh now sits on death row in Baghdad, sentenced to hang after being accused of fighting for Islamic State, a charge he steadfastly denies. The chief evidence against him is the word of that neighbor.

"Sometimes I wake up and for a moment I feel that this death sentence and me being here is just a bad dream," the 29-year-old told The Associated Press in an interview in a Baghdad prison.

Death sentences are being issued at a dizzying rate in Iraq's rush to prosecute and punish suspected members of ISIS, with more than 3,000 handed out over just the past few years.

Any allegation of having taken up arms for the militant group can bring the ultimate penalty, even while the evidence is thin and cursory.

The heavy reliance on informants is particularly glaring, given the potential that some are motivated by personal grudges. Informants never appear in court; their claims are passed to the judges in dry, written reports from intelligence officials with no hint of their possible motivation.

Thousands of defendants are rushed through the courts, with trials as short as 10 or 15 minutes and a third of the cases ending in the death penalty. Witnesses are rarely called and no forensic evidence presented, raising the likelihood of innocent people going to the gallows.

The cases are so flimsy that President Fuad Masum has refrained from ratifying many executions, which is required by law before they can be carried out, a senior official in the president's office told the AP.

"We didn't find solid proof in some of the cases we've studied," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue. "We attended some hearings and found the cases

are ruled on quickly in one hearing."

Still, the pressure is rising for executions to be carried out even more rapidly, including from Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. Last month, 13 people accused of ISIS ties were hanged within three hours of the president ratifying the death documents — an unusually quick turnaround.

The AP spoke to Saleh and two other Iraqis accused of ISIS ties who were sentenced to death.

Like nearly all other defendants, all three denied any ties. Not all the details of their accounts could be independently confirmed, but their stories — which raise reasonable doubts over their guilt — were not condemned to die.

That judicial haste was readily apparent when the AP attended three days of court sessions in Baghdad in late May.

The court heard an average of a dozen cases a day, most involving accused ISIS members. During those three days, the presiding judge, Subaih Abdullah Sahar, imposed at least 10 death sentences.

"We do everything we can to get to the truth and we don't want to be unfair to anyone," Sahar told the AP. "These defendants are here on the strength of testimony given by a secret informant, neighbors or their own families."

Saleh told the AP that the feud with the family of his neighbor festered for years after

the dispute over his cousin.

In May 2017, shortly after his neighborhood was freed from ISIS, Saleh said he was sent to a local prison, tortured and beaten for four days after the neighbor labeled him an informer.

During his brief trial in December, the judge asked if he had informed on the neighbor.

"I said no," Saleh recounted. "Then he asked me to leave during consultations. When I came back, I was sentenced to death."

The ruling obtained by the AP said the verdict was based on the neighbor's testimony and a confession by Saleh — which Saleh says was obtained under torture.

Quteiba Younis was 16 in 2014 when ISIS overran his home village of Areij. Shortly after the takeover, his father lost his job at a government fuel depot, so the teen — the eldest of 10 siblings — had a duty to support the family. He found work as a guard at a cement factory taken over by ISIS, a job that required carrying a rifle.

That appears to have sealed his fate. An informant told security agencies that Younis was an armed fighter with ISIS. "My life has been lost," Younis, now 20, told the AP.

Younis was arrested in February and said he was beaten, given electric shocks and hung upside down, finally confessing to crimes he hadn't committed to end his torment.

Based on the confession and informant testimony, a judge convicted him and sentenced him to death May 10.

The third condemned man interviewed by the AP, Ahmed Nijm, unabashedly said ISIS had the right idea. They came to Mosul, he said, "in an earnest, sincere search for justice."

But despite his admiration for ISIS' strict beliefs, he insisted he was never a member.

A witness identified Nijm as an ISIS fighter, according to an investigator who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk.

Nijm said he was beaten and threatened during interrogation and eventually offered a false confession. He was sentenced to death April 19.

"I hope death comes to me when I am on my prayer rug," he said. "If I have been oppressed, then God will bring me justice."



The walls in the foyer of Iraq's primary counterterrorism agency, the Eagles' Cell in Baghdad, are lined with nearly 400 mugshots of men sentenced to death.

## Attacks kill at least 15 in Afghanistan

BY SAYED SALAHUDDIN  
*The Washington Post*

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least 15 people were killed on Tuesday in two separate attacks by militants in Afghanistan as Islamic scholars gather in Saudi Arabia to discuss the legitimacy of the Taliban's war against the U.S.-backed government of President Ashraf Ghani.

One of the attacks, conducted by a suicide bomber, happened near a government security checkpoint on the outskirts of the eastern city of Jalalabad where 12 people — including security forces and civilians — were killed, according to provincial officials.

The second strike targeted government civil servants in Ghazni province, which lies to the southwest of Kabul and is a bastion for the Taliban insurgents. Several people, including a district chief, lost their lives in that incident, officials said.

The Taliban said it was behind the raid in Ghazni.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Jalalabad event, although Islamic State confessed to being behind a wave of deadly strikes in the city including last week when 19 people, many of them from the minority Sikh and Hindu groups, were killed.

Officials said the Taliban unleashed a number of attacks elsewhere in the country in the past 24 hours ahead of a two-day meeting of Islamic scholars from around the world which began on Tuesday in Saudi Arabia.

The Afghan government expects the gathering to term the Taliban insurgency and use of suicide attacks in Afghanistan as unlawful, like similar such meetings have recently in Kabul and in Jakarta.

The gathering comes amid show of restored optimism by Afghan government officials in recent days about holding direct talks with Taliban leadership following last month's brief and unexpected truce during the Eid holiday ending the fasting month of Ramadan.

The Taliban refused to reciprocate an extension to Ghani's unilateral cease-fire and has conducted bloody attacks against government forces, drawing harsh criticism against Ghani for his move from his political rivals. The militants repeatedly since said the group will not engage in talks with the "powerless" Kabul government until foreign troops leave the country.

Speaking during a conference with visiting Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Ghani on Monday said the brief truce had opened an opportunity for peace in Afghanistan and that its 40 years of war cannot come to an end in one night or day.

Commenting on the Saudi gathering, the Taliban urged the kingdom and the clerics to back the group in its war against U.S.-led troops in the country.

# NATION

## House panel subpoenas former FBI lawyer Page

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee has subpoenaed former FBI lawyer Lisa Page to appear for a private interview on Wednesday, according to two people familiar with the subpoena.

Page exchanged text messages critical of Donald Trump with FBI agent Peter Strzok, who will testify publicly before the panel on Thursday. Page and Strzok both worked on the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails and later special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the subpoena isn't public.

It is unclear if Page will appear. Her lawyer, Amy Jeffress, said in a statement that they are "still waiting to work out a reasonable date" for the interview. Jeffress said they are also still waiting on documents from the FBI to prepare.

"We asked the committee staff to explain the scope of the investigation and provide sufficient notice that would allow her to prepare, which are normal conditions for congressional committees, but these committees have not followed the normal process," Jeffress said.

House Republicans have suggested the FBI was conspiring against Trump during and after his presidential campaign, and the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform committees are investigating the agency's actions. The committees have focused much of their ire on Strzok, who was interviewed privately by lawmakers on the two committees for hours last month. He will return to Capitol Hill for the hearing on Thursday, the first time he will speak publicly about the messages.

Strzok had a leading role in the Clinton probe and was removed from the Mueller investigation after the texts were discovered a year ago. Page had already left the Mueller team.

A report by the Justice Department's internal watchdog released last month detailed the texts between the two, including an exchange in which Strzok said, "we'll stop it," in reference to a potential Trump election win.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

First lady Melania Trump and President Donald Trump walk toward Marine One at the White House on Tuesday.

## Trump: Putin meeting 'the easiest'

BY JILL COLVIN  
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*Associated Press*

BRUSSELS — President Donald Trump launched a weeklong Europe trip Tuesday with harsh criticism for NATO allies and predicted the "easiest" leg of his journey would be his scheduled sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

As he departed the White House for a four-nation European tour, Trump did little to reassure allies fretting over the risk of damage he could do to the 69-year-old trans-Atlantic mutual defense pact and his potential embrace of Putin during a summit in Helsinki.

Trump said Tuesday he "can't say right now" if Putin is a friend or foe, but called him a "competitor." The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to boost Trump's candidacy, and it warns of further attempts at interference both in the 2018 midterms and in European elections.

Speaking to reporters before leaving Washington for Brussels, where he is to attend the NATO summit, Trump criticized the pact, saying, "Frankly it helps them a lot more than it helps us."

Trump has been pressing NATO countries

to fulfill their goal of spending 2 percent of their gross domestic products on defense by 2024. During his presidential campaign, he suggested he might only come to the defense of NATO nations that fulfilled their obligation. He continues to criticize NATO countries for not paying their fair share.

From Belgium, Trump's trip will also take him to London, where Prime Minister Theresa May's government is in turmoil over her plans for exiting the European Union.

European Council President Donald Tusk said on Tuesday in a message to Trump that "it is always worth knowing who is your strategic friend and who is your strategic problem." Tusk recalled that the Europeans are spending more than Russia and as much as China on defense. NATO estimates that 15 members, or just over half, will meet the benchmark by 2024 based on current trends.

"Getting ready to leave for Europe. First meeting — NATO. The U.S. is spending many times more than any other country in order to protect them," Trump tweeted Tuesday morning, adding: "Not fair to the U.S. taxpayer. On top of that we lose \$151 Billion on Trade with the European Union. Charge us big Tariffs (& Barriers)!"

On Monday he'd tweeted the situation was "not fair, nor is it acceptable," and insisted

that NATO benefits Europe "far more than it does the U.S."

He added: "NATO countries must pay MORE, the United States must pay LESS. Very Unfair!"

Trump, who has compared the sentiment that underpinned the Brexit vote to leave the EU to his own election, will be making his maiden presidential trip to Britain at a fraught time for May. Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Brexit Secretary David Davis resigned within hours of each other in protest of her plan. Trump said he might meet with Johnson in the U.K. despite his resignation.

Trump's visit is expected to attract large protests in London and elsewhere in Britain.

Trump's weeklong trip to Europe will continue with a stop in Scotland before ending with a sit-down in Helsinki with Putin.

He said that of the high-stakes meetings of his trip, "Putin may be the easiest of them all."

"I think that getting along with Russia, getting along with China, getting along with others is a good thing, not a bad thing," he added.

The meeting will be closely watched to see whether Trump will rebuke or embrace Putin, who has repeatedly denied the allegations of election meddling in spite of evidence to the contrary.

## Trump says US had opposed formula limits, not breastfeeding

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. opposed a World Health Assembly resolution to encourage breastfeeding because it called for limits on the promotion of infant formula, not because of objections to breastfeeding, President Donald Trump tweeted Monday.

Trump criticized The New York Times for reporting that U.S. of

ficials sought to remove language that urged governments to protect, promote and support breastfeeding, along with language calling on policymakers to limit the promotion of food products, such as infant formula, that can be harmful to young children.

The Times reported that the U.S. effort this past spring during the UN-affiliated world health meeting was largely unsuccessful

and that most of the original wording remained.

Trump wrote: "The U.S. strongly supports breast feeding but we don't believe women should be denied access to formula. Many women need this option because of malnutrition and poverty."

The Times reported that the U.S. delegation embraced the interests of infant-formula manufacturers.

Responding to Trump with a

tweet of its own, the newspaper said, "Our report is accurate," and provided a link to its article.

Government doctors and scientists have long called attention to the health benefits of breastfeeding, both in economically advanced countries and developing nations.

A 2011 surgeon general's report concluded that "breast milk is uniquely suited to the human

infant's nutritional needs and is a live substance with unparalleled immunological and anti-inflammatory properties that protect against a host of illnesses and diseases for both mothers and children."

Caitlin Oakley, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said it's "patently false" to portray the U.S. position as "anti-breastfeeding."

## NATION

# Trump picks a GOP favorite for Supreme Court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump chose Brett Kavanaugh, a solidly conservative and politically connected judge, for the Supreme Court, setting up a ferocious confirmation battle with Democrats as he seeks to shift the nation's highest court ever farther to the right.

A favorite of the Republican legal establishment in Washington, Kavanaugh, 53, is a former law clerk for retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Like Trump's first nominee last year, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Kavanaugh would be a young addition who could help remake the court for decades to come with rulings that could restrict abortion, expand gun rights and roll back key parts of the Affordable Care Act.

"He is a brilliant jurist, with a clear and effective writing style, universally regarded as one of the finest and sharpest legal minds of our time," Trump said in his prime-time televised White House announcement Monday. "There is no one in America more qualified for this position, and no one more deserving."

With Kavanaugh, Trump is replacing a swing vote on the nine-member court with a staunch conservative. Kavanaugh, who serves on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, is expected to be less receptive to abortion and gay rights than Kennedy was. He also has taken an expansive view of executive power and has favored limits on investigating the president.

Speaking at the White House, Kavanaugh pledged to preserve the Constitution and said "a judge must be independent and must interpret the law, not make the law.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

**President Donald Trump shakes hands with Brett Kavanaugh, his Supreme Court nominee, in the East Room of the White House on Monday.**

A judge must interpret the Constitution as written."

A senior White House official said Trump made his final decision on the nomination Sunday evening, then phoned Kavanaugh to inform him. The official said Trump decided on Kavanaugh because of his large body of jurisprudence cited by other courts, describing him as a judge that other judges read.

On Monday, Trump phoned Kennedy to inform him that his former law clerk would be nominated to fill his seat. Trump signed Kavanaugh's nomination papers Monday evening in the White House residence.

Top contenders had included federal appeals judges Raymond

Kethledge, Amy Coney Barrett and Thomas Hardiman.

Some conservatives have expressed concerns about Kavanaugh, questioning his commitment to social issues like abortion and noting his time serving under President George W. Bush as evidence he is a more establishment choice. But his supporters have cited his experience and wide range of legal opinions.

With Democrats determined to vigorously oppose Trump's choice, the Senate confirmation battle is expected to dominate the months leading up to November's midterm elections. Senate Republicans hold only a 51-49 majority, leaving them hardly any margin if Democrats hold the line. Dem-

ocratic senators running for re-election in states Trump carried in 2016 will face pressure to back his nominee.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called Kavanaugh "a superb choice" and said senators would start meeting with him this week.

Some Republican senators had favored other options. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky had expressed concerns but tweeted that he looked forward to meeting with Kavanaugh "with an open mind."

Democrats and liberal advocacy groups quickly lined up in opposition.

Signaling the fight ahead on abortion rights, Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of

Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said in a statement, "There's no way to sugarcoat it: With this nomination, the constitutional right to access safe, legal abortion in this country is on the line."

The White House invited a number of senators to attend the Monday night announcement. Democrats who were invited but declined included Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana; Heidi Heitkamp, of North Dakota; Doug Jones, of Alabama; Joe Manchin, of West Virginia; and Dianne Feinstein, of California. Feinstein is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. The others are Republican targets for the confirmation vote who come from Trump-won states where they face re-election this fall.

Democrats have turned their attention to pressuring two Republicans, Sens. Susan Collins, of Maine, and Lisa Murkowski, of Alaska, to oppose any nominee who threatens Roe v. Wade. The two have supported access to abortion services.

Kavanaugh is likely to be more conservative than Kennedy on a range of social issues. At the top of that list is abortion. A more conservative majority could be more willing to uphold state restrictions on abortion, if not overturn the 45-year-old landmark Roe v. Wade decision that established a woman's constitutional right.

Kennedy's replacement also could be more willing to allow states to carry out executions and could support undoing earlier court holdings in the areas of racial discrimination in housing and the workplace. Kennedy provided a decisive vote in 2015 on an important fair housing case.

## Supreme Court enjoys relatively high public confidence

BY HANNAH FINGERHUT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The next Supreme Court justice will join the bench at a time when the public has more confidence in the high court than in Congress or the presidency.

A Gallup survey in June found 37 percent of Americans have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in the court, while another 42 percent have "some" confidence. Only 18 percent have little or no confidence in the court.

Just 11 percent of Americans say they have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in Congress, and nearly half say they have little or no confidence in the nation's legislature.

Down Pennsylvania Avenue, confidence in the White House is on par with that of the Supreme Court — though 44 percent of Americans have little or no confidence in it.

While the public's overall view of the court has remained steady over the past decade, there's been

a shift this year as Republicans and GOP-leaning independents were more likely to express confidence in the court than Democrats and left-leaning independents were.

That change comes after a just-concluded term in which retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy sided with conservative-leaning justices on rulings that blessed President Donald Trump's ban on travel from several Muslim nations, placed new limits on public employee unions and struck down a California law aimed at regulating anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers, among others.

Here is a look at public opinion on some of the key issues facing the justices in the coming years.

■ **Abortion rights.** Trump's nominee is sure to face an avalanche of questions about the court's 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade that established a women's constitutional right to abortion. A majority of Americans thinks the court shouldn't overturn Roe and most think abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

In mid-June, a poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 67 percent of Americans would not like to see Roe overturned, while 29 percent would. There are no differences in that opinion between men and women, though younger women are especially likely to say they do not want to see Roe overturned.

Democrats overwhelmingly support Roe, while Republicans narrowly support overturning the decision, the poll found.

The Kaiser poll's findings largely match results in others' surveys on the topic, regardless of question wording or polling organization conducting the research.

■ **Trump's travel ban.** In a 5-to-4 decision announced at the end of the court's recently concluded term, the Supreme Court upheld Trump's ban on travel into the United States for citizens of several majority-Muslim countries, as well as North Korea and some Venezuelan government officials and their families.

After the ruling, a Quinnipiac poll found Americans split over

the issue. While 49 percent of the public approve of the court's decision, another 46 percent disapprove. As with many issues with ties to Trump, the public is divided across partisan lines, with Republicans mostly approving of the policy and Democrats largely opposed.

■ **Voting rights.** Before the 2020 presidential elections, the court may revisit several cases it sent back to the lower courts this term that confront the fairness of electoral maps and issues related to voting rights.

Poll results on gerrymandering are limited, but a Pew Research Center survey earlier this year measured the public's views on the importance of specific aspects of American elections.

A wide 83 percent majority said it is very important that no eligible voters are prevented from voting, while about two-thirds said it was very important that no ineligible voters are permitted to vote. Roughly three-quarters placed great importance on congressional districts being determined in

a fair and reasonable way.

In assessing both issues, there is a clear partisan split. Republicans are more likely to say ineligible voters casting ballots is a problem, while Democrats are more focused on issues with voting access. They also focus on political gerrymandering, which is less of an issue for Republicans.

■ **Religious liberty and LGBT rights.** The court will continue to face cases involving conflict between businesses that cite faith-based objections to laws aimed at protecting the rights of gay and lesbian people.

It's difficult for a survey question to clearly and responsibly reflect the debate over specific gay rights issues, such as businesses refusing services to same-sex couples or restroom policies as they relate to transgender people.

However, in May 2017, a Gallup poll found Americans divided over whether new civil rights laws are needed to reduce discrimination against LGBT people; 51 percent said new laws are needed, while 46 percent said they are not.

## NATION



MISSOULA COUNTY (Mont.) SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

**Authorities in Montana say this 5-month-old infant with dirt under his fingernails survived about nine hours being buried under sticks and debris in the woods.**



MISSOULA COUNTY (Mont.) JAIL/AP

**Francis Crowley is being held on \$50,000 bail on a charge of criminal endangerment.**

## Baby survives 9 hours buried in Mont. woods

Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — A 5-month-old infant who miraculously survived more than nine hours being buried under a pile of sticks and debris in the woods of western Montana suffered only minor injuries despite being found and soiled clothes in cold weather, authorities said Monday.

The baby boy is otherwise in good condition, authorities said.

Missoula County Sheriff's deputies were called about 8 p.m. Saturday about a man threatening people in the Lolo Hot Springs area of the Lolo National Forest. Deputies apprehended the man, who indicated that a baby was buried somewhere in the woods.

The sheriff's office hastily put together a search crew of federal, state and local officials that combed the forest outside the hot springs for six hours before a deputy heard a baby's cry about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. He found the baby face-down under the pile of sticks and debris, dressed only in a wet and soiled onesie in the 46-degree weather.

"He suffered some minor scrapes and bruising but overall is in good health," sheriff's spokeswoman Brenda Bassett said in a statement Monday.

The baby was taken to a hospital. Custody of the child has been referred to the state Division of Child and Family Services. Spokesman Chuck Council declined to answer any questions about where the child will be placed or how the baby will be cared for, citing medical privacy.

Francis Crowley, 32, was being held on \$50,000 bail on a charge of criminal endangerment. Additional charges will follow, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

"For all of us at the sheriff's office, this is what we call a miracle," the statement said.

Crowley is from Portland, Ore., and was previously arrested in June in Missoula on a fugitive warrant from Oregon, the Missoulian reported. Crowley was released when Oregon officials decided not to extradite him, Deputy Missoula County Attorney Jason Marks said.

The nature of Crowley's relationship to the baby was not immediately clear. There was no information on whether Crowley had an attorney.

# Immigrant family reunions near

Administration admits it won't meet deadline on separated kids under 5

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Dozens of immigrant children under the age of 5 will be released from government custody and reunited with their parents Tuesday after being separated at the border under President Donald Trump's zero tolerance immigration policy.

A government lawyer said Monday at least 54 children under the age of 5 would join their parents by a court-ordered deadline, only about half the 100 or so children covered by the order. The Trump administration was working on final background checks for another five children ahead of Tuesday's deadline.

On Monday, Trump's administration acknowledged it would not meet a Tuesday deadline set by a San Diego federal judge to reunite detained children under 5 with their families.

Trump said Tuesday that he has a solution to the missed deadline: "Tell people not to come to our country illegally." Before departing the White House for Europe, Trump said, "That's the solution. Don't come to our country illegally. Come like other people do. Come legally."

Parents in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody "for the most part" are being taken to locations near their children and the families will be released, Justice Department attorney Sarah Fabian said in court. She said locations would not be publicly disclosed, but children have been sent to shelters across the country.

More than 2,000 children were separated from their parents by U.S. immigration authorities at the border this past spring before Trump reversed course on June 20 amid an international outcry. Last week, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said there were "under 3,000" separated children in all.

Late last month, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children. The 30-day deadline is up July 26.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt sought assurances from the government Monday that advocates would be in position to guide parents when they



American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt speaks after a hearing in San Diego on Monday. More than 50 immigrant children under age 5 will be reunited with their parents by Tuesday's court-ordered deadline, a government attorney said.

are released in a foreign land. The parents will be free while their cases wind through immigration court, which can take years, and may be required to wear ankle monitors.

On Monday, a federal judge in Los Angeles rejected the Trump administration's efforts to detain immigrant families in long-term facilities, calling it a "cynical attempt to undo a longstanding court settlement."

U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee said the government had failed to present new evidence to support revising a court order that limits the detention of children who crossed the border illegally.

The Justice Department asked Gee to alter a 1997 settlement, which provides the framework for how to handle detained immigrant children, so it could detain families together for longer periods.

Three years ago, Gee rejected a similar effort by the Obama administration.

She ruled at the time that immigrant children generally can't be held longer than 20 days.

Devin O'Malley, a Justice Department spokesman, said the department disagreed with Gee's Monday ruling and continued to review it.

ICE has three family detention centers with room for about 3,000 people in all, and the places are already at or near capacity. The Trump administration is trying to line up thousands of more beds at military bases.

Some attorneys and advocates prepared for Tuesday's reunions with little information.

The Annunciation House shelter in El Paso, Texas, was assisting four parents of children under 5 after their release from immigration detention, none of whom had reunited with their children as of Monday evening, said Taylor Levy, legal director. Levy said that one mother of a 4-year-old was told by federal authorities to find a larger apartment if she wanted her son back.

Abrial Valdez, of the ACLU of Michigan, said the government was "vague" on the specifics of the reunifications that could come Tuesday for two Honduran men he represents. Their 3-year-old sons were in temporary foster care in Grand Rapids while they were in a jail in Battle Creek.

Under-5 children who will remain separated for now include those with parents who already have been released into the U.S., have been deported, or are behind bars on criminal charges.

Sabraw, a George W. Bush appointee, said Monday that he was "very encouraged" by the efforts to reunite families by his deadline, calling it "real progress." He ordered both sides back in court on Tuesday to give another update and for him to rule on differences over protocols to follow when reuniting the remaining children.

The two sides remained in a filing late Monday that they are far apart on protocols for reunification, with the government arguing its practices are necessary under federal law to ensure child safety and the ACLU contending that many are too cumbersome under the circumstances.



RICHARD VOGEL/AP

Children who oppose Trump administration immigration policies hold protest signs during a rally last month in Los Angeles.

## NATION

# Watchdog seeking review of Ohio State abuse allegations

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A watchdog group and a former special counsel to President Barack Obama are seeking an ethics review of U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan even as former colleagues back his statements that he didn't know about sexual abuse of wrestlers while coaching at Ohio State University.

Some ex-wrestlers from the late 1980s and early 1990s say they were groped by team doctor Richard Strauss and that Jordan knew then about the alleged abuse as an assistant coach. Jordan, founder of the conservative Freedom Caucus and potential contender for House speaker, denies that and has said he and other coaches would have reported any alleged abuse brought to their attention.

The group Democracy 21 and former White House ethics lawyer Norman Eisen want to know whether the Ohio Republican made false statements about that. The request Monday to the Office of Congressional Ethics said

questions of dishonesty can bring discredit to the House in violation of House rules.

Several former wrestlers have said in recent days that Jordan had to have known of the abuse, based on numerous group conversations at the time.

But on Monday, six former Ohio State wrestling coaches defended Jordan in a joint statement that said none of them was aware of abuse of wrestlers.

"The well-being of student athletes was all of our concern. If we had heard of any abuse, we would have spoken up," said the statement from former head coach Russ Hellickson and former assistant coaches Dave Ruckman, Rex Holman, Ken Chertow, Myron Kharichlava and Kenny Ramsey Jr.

It wasn't immediately clear whether they, like Jordan, plan to talk with the independent investigators from Seattle-based Per-

kins Coie who are reviewing the allegations against the now-dead doctor and what, if anything, the university knew about the allegations.

Holman said he hasn't been interviewed and he wouldn't address whether he'll speak with investigators. A spokeswoman who released the ex-coaches' statement didn't immediately respond to an inquiry about whether the others plan to talk to investigators.

In an individual statement provided along with the group comment, Hellickson repeated a remark he first released last week that appears to offer a more nuanced view of the allegations: "At no time while Jim Jordan was a coach with me at Ohio State did either of us ignore abuse of our wrestlers." Hellickson has not returned messages left by The Associated Press.

Jordan told Fox News Friday night that "conversations in a locker room are a lot different than people coming up and talking about abuse."

He said no one ever reported abuse to him, and if they had, "I would have dealt with it."

Andy Geiger, a former Ohio



**Jordan**



ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS/AP

Former Ohio State wrestler Mike DiSabato discusses on Monday in Dublin, Ohio, abuse he says he suffered at the hands of a late team doctor in the 1990s.

State athletic director, said Monday he doesn't recall any complaints during his tenure about a team doctor's alleged sexual misconduct with athletes. Geiger told the AP in a phone interview he does recall some concerns about voyeurism in the showers at the university's Larkins Hall but nothing specifically involving the doctor.

Geiger, 79, who now lives near Seattle, also said he doesn't remember being told about Strauss' alleged abuse, but it could have happened. Geiger said he doesn't remember Strauss well.

Support for Jordan flowed in from Capitol Hill as House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said the congressman "absolutely would have acted" had he known

about the alleged abuse.

Earlier Monday, GOP Whip Steve Scalise backed Jordan, as did key conservatives in the House Freedom Caucus. McCarthy, Scalise and Jordan are all eyeing House leadership runs.

Ohio State has said the allegations raised so far involve men from 14 sports as well as Strauss' work for student health services and at his off-campus medical clinic.

Strauss died in 2005, and it was ruled a suicide.

His family was shocked to learn of the allegations from news reports and is cooperating with the school's independent investigation, according to a family statement over the weekend.

## Trump pardons ranchers in case that inspired 2016 occupation

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has pardoned two ranchers whose case sparked the armed occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon.

Dwight and Steven Hammond were convicted in 2012 of intentionally and maliciously setting fires on public lands. The arson crime carried a minimum prison sentence of five years, but a sympathetic federal judge, on his last day before retirement, decided the penalty was too stiff and gave the father and son much lighter prison terms.

Prosecutors won an appeal, and the Hammonds were resentenced

in October 2015 to serve the mandatory minimum.

The decision sparked a protest from Ammon Bundy and dozens of others, who occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near the Hammond ranch in southeastern Oregon from Jan. 2 to Feb. 11, 2016, complaining the Hammonds were victims of federal overreach.

The armed occupiers changed the refuge's name to the Harney County Resource Center, reflecting their belief that the federal government has only a very limited right to own property within a state's borders.

Bundy was arrested during a Jan. 26 traffic stop, effectively ending the protest. Another key occupier, Robert "LaVoy" Finis-

cum, was fatally shot that day by Oregon State Police.

In a statement Tuesday, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders called that decision to re-sentence the Hammonds "unjust."

"The Hammonds are devoted family men, respected contributors to their local community and have widespread support from their neighbors, local law enforcement and farmers and ranchers across the West," she said. "Justice is overdue for Dwight and Steven Hammond, both of whom are entirely deserving of these Grants of Executive Clemency."

The pardons are the latest in a growing list of clemency actions by Trump, who has been using his pardon power with increasingly

frequency in recent months.

Trump has been especially pleased with news coverage of his actions, which included commuting the sentence of Alice Johnson, a woman serving a life sentence for drug offenses whose case had been championed by reality television star Kim Kardashian West.

He has repeatedly referenced emotional video of Johnson being freed from prison and running into her family members' arms, and has said he's considering thousands more cases — both famous and not.

But critics say the president could be ignoring valid claims for clemency as he works outside the typical pardon process, focusing on cases brought to his attention

by friends, famous people and conservative media pundits.

Aides say Trump has been especially drawn to cases in which he believes the prosecution may have been politically motivated — a situation that may remind him of his own position at the center of the ongoing special counsel investigation into Russian election meddling.

Many have also seen the president as sending a signal with his pardons to former aides and associates caught up in the probe, or lashing out at enemies like former FBI Director James Comey, who oversaw the prosecution of lifestyle guru Martha Stewart, whom Trump has said he is thinking of pardoning.

## Official: Florida shooting suspect's mom allowed him to buy a gun

By TERRY SPENCER  
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — A commission investigating the Florida high school massacre learned Tuesday that the suspect's late mother allowed him to buy a gun even though his mental health counselors opposed the idea.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, chairman of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, told members that Lynda

Cruz was "an enabler" who interfered with efforts to get her son, Nikolas Cruz, 19, into treatment.

"If he wants to have a gun, he could have a gun," Gualtieri said Lynda Cruz told his counselors.

Lynda Cruz died in November, three months before investigators say her son killed 17 people at the school on Valentine's Day.

Gualtieri told members that school and mental health counselors had at least 140 contacts with Nikolas Cruz over the years trying to get him help, but his

mother frequently interfered. He did not go into specifics.

School and government records obtained by The Associated Press and other media shortly after the shooting show Nikolas Cruz was diagnosed as developmentally delayed at age 3 and had disciplinary issues dating to middle school.

In February 2014, while in eighth grade, Nikolas Cruz was transferred to a school for children with emotional and behavioral issues. He stayed until 10th

grade, when he was transferred to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. About a year before the attack, Cruz was kicked out of the school and sent to an alternative school.

On Sept. 28, 2016, an investigator from the Florida Department of Children and Families visited Nikolas Cruz and his mother after he posted video on Snapchat showing him cutting himself. The report showed he had written a racial epithet against blacks and a Nazi symbol on his book bag,

which his mother had forced him to erase.

The investigator said Nikolas Cruz was suffering from depression and on medication and had told Lynda Cruz he planned to buy a gun, but she couldn't determine why.

The commission brings together law enforcement, education and mental health officials along with legislators and the parents of student victims.

It will prepare a report by Jan. 1.

# WORLD

## Germany unveils new plan for migration

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**BERLIN** — Germany's top security official on Tuesday unveiled his new plan on controlling and limiting migration, which he called a "turning point" in the country's asylum policy.

The main goals of the 63-point "migration master plan" include the quick deportation of people living in Germany whose asylum applications have been rejected, who already registered for asylum in another European country or who have a criminal record, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer told reporters in Berlin.

Seehofer, who has long pushed Chancellor Angela Merkel to take a harder line against migrants, said the new plan also envisions placing all asylum-seekers in big centers to have their applications processed there. Asylum-seekers currently are mostly distributed to small asylum homes across the country, though some states have already introduced centers where hundreds of applicants can stay for months while awaiting decisions.

The new plan also foresees that asylum applicants who previously registered in another European Union country will be taken back to where they first entered the EU — primarily Greece and Italy.

That issue had led to a clash between Seehofer and Merkel, who repeatedly insisted that Germany shouldn't act unilaterally by sending back asylum-seekers to other European countries that would then have to bear the biggest burden of the influx. The controversy ended last week with a compromise in which Germany will have to make agreements with affected countries before sending back asylum-seekers there.

"We prefer European solutions, but national solutions are not necessarily superfluous," Seehofer said.

While migrants initially received a friendly welcome in the country, the mood has turned and led to a backlash against them and helped fuel the rise of the nationalist Alternative for Germany. In the last two years, however, the number of newly arriving migrants in Germany has gone down sharply.

Seehofer's office reported Tuesday that the country saw a 16.4 percent decline in asylum applications in the first half of 2018 over the same period last year.

There were 93,316 formal applications from January through June, 18,300 fewer than in the first half of 2017. The largest group seeking asylum was from Syria, with 22,520 applications, followed by Iraq with 9,015 applications and Afghanistan with 6,222.

In the first six months, German authorities decided on 125,190 applications, down nearly 70 percent from the same period in 2017, an indication that the backlog of cases is starting to be cleared.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

**Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, center, is greeted by United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, left, as he arrives at Abu Dhabi International Airport in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Monday.**

## Pompeo talks tough on Iran during visit to UAE

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**ABU DHABI**, United Arab Emirates — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Tuesday that America and its Gulf Arab allies want to show Iran that its actions have "a real high cost" stepping up his warnings after Tehran threatened to disrupt Middle East oil supplies.

Pompeo's comments came during a short trip to the United Arab Emirates, a staunch U.S. ally that hosts some 5,000 American forces at a crucial air base and is the U.S. Navy's busiest foreign port of call.

He stopped short of offering any specifics during an interview with Sky News Arabia, an Arab satellite news channel half-owned by Abu Dhabi ruling family member Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed

Al Nahyan, a UAE deputy prime minister.

However, his message undoubtedly reached receptive ears. The UAE long has been suspicious of Iran and its nuclear deal with world powers, from which President Donald Trump recently pulled out.

"The one that we are most focused on today is ... that we deny Iran the financial capacity to continue this bad behavior," Pompeo said. "So it's a broad range, a series of sanctions aimed not at the Iranian people, but rather aimed at the single mission of convincing the Iranian regime that its malign behavior is unacceptable and has a real high cost for them."

Pompeo made a point to mention recent threats by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani over the Strait of Hormuz, through which a third of all oil traded by sea passes. While in Europe last

week, Rouhani said any disruption to Iran's oil exports would result in the whole region's exports being disrupted.

Iran "should know that America is committed to keeping sea lines open, keeping the transit of oil available for the entire world," Pompeo said. "That's the commitment we have had for decades. We continue under that commitment."

In Tehran, Iran's deputy parliament speaker, Ali Motahari, praised Rouhani for making the threat.

"The American(s) are not ready for any new war in the Persian Gulf, so the president's remark was a good threat which will have positive impacts and will be a deterrent factor against cutting Iran's oil export," Motahari said, according to a report on the parliament's website.

## Pakistani army to deploy troops for elections

By MUNIR AHMED  
Associated Press

**ISLAMABAD** — Pakistan's military announced on Tuesday that it would deploy more than 371,000 members of the country's security forces to polling stations to ensure free, fair and transparent national elections on July 25.

That is more than five times the number of troops deployed during the last elections in 2013, when the security situation across the country was much worse.

The army spokesman, Maj. Gen.

Asif Ghafoor, said the request for 371,388 troops — nearly a third of the total armed forces — came from the country's elections oversight body to ensure order during the vote.

He said the troops would provide security at 85,000 polling stations and carry out other elections-related duties. As many as 134,894 of the troops have been called up from retirement since serving members could not have been spared in such huge numbers, Ghafoor said.

Ghafoor told reporters the mili-

tary would not be directly involved in the voting and insisted it neither backed nor opposed any political party or politician.

"People should vote for the candidate of their choice without any fear," he said. "Our loyalty is only with Pakistan."

The army and its intelligence agency have been accused by international and Pakistani advocacy groups of intimidating media outlets in an attempt to stifle criticism of the military and accused some of seeking to play a dominant role in the country's politics.

## Catalonia's ex-leaders stripped of public office

**MADRID** — Spain's Supreme Court is stripping six prominent Catalan politicians of public office for trying to make the northeastern region of the country independent.

Judge Pablo Llarena also ruled Tuesday that the six secessionists be sent to trial on charges of rebellion, which carries a maximum prison sentence of 30 years.

Those charged include former Catalan President Carles Puigdemont, who is fighting extradition from Germany, and former regional Vice President Oriol Junqueras.

## Police question Israeli PM about corruption

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli police questioned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday as part of their investigations into a string of corruption allegations.

The police said Netanyahu was questioned "for a number of hours" without elaborating. They declined further comment.

Authorities have questioned Netanyahu on a number of occasions in recent months. The latest questioning was believed to concern a case involving the country's telecom giant.

Two Netanyahu confidants have been arrested on suspicion of promoting regulation worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the Bezeq telecom company. In return, Bezeq's subsidiary news site, Walla, allegedly provided positive Netanyahu coverage.

## Israeli company plans lunar landing next year

**YEHUD**, Israel — An Israeli company says it will soon attempt to become the first private entity to land a spacecraft on the moon. SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries plan to launch their unmanned module in December; if it succeeds, Israel will become the fourth country to land on the moon, after the U.S., the Soviet Union and China.

The \$95 million project, largely funded by South African-Israeli billionaire Morris Kahn and other donors, aims to land on the moon on Feb. 13. Kahn said if they pull off the moonshot, it would be "a tremendous achievement."

## Australian rangers trap big croc near gorge

**CANBERRA**, Australia — Wildlife rangers said Tuesday that they had trapped a 15-foot saltwater crocodile, the largest they had ever caught in the northern Australian Katherine River and in an upstream region popular with tourists that is thought relatively safe from the killer predators.

Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife said it had trapped the 1,300-pound reptile on Monday 185 miles from the ocean and only 19 miles downstream from Katherine Gorge, a major tourist attraction outside the Northern Territory town of Katherine.

From The Associated Press

## WORLD

# All 12 boys, coach freed from Thai cave

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*Associated Press*

MAE SAI, Thailand — A daring rescue mission in the treacherous confines of a flooded cave in Thailand has saved the 12 boys and their soccer coach who were trapped deep within a labyrinth, ending an 18-day ordeal that claimed the life of an experienced volunteer diver and riveted people around the world.

Thailand's navy SEALs, who were central to the rescue effort, said on their Facebook page that the remaining four boys and their 25-year-old coach were all brought out safely Tuesday. Eight of the boys were rescued by a team of 18 Thai and international divers on Sunday and Monday.

"We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science, or what. All the thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave," the SEALs said, referring to the name of the boys' soccer team. "Everyone was safe."

They said they were waiting for a medic and three SEALs who had stayed with the boys in their dark refuge deep inside the cave complex to come out.

Cheers erupted at a local government office where dozens of volunteers and journalists were awaiting news of whether the intricate and high-risk rescue mission had succeeded. Helicopters taking the boys to a hospital roared overhead.

Payap Mainming, 40, who helped provide food and necessities to rescue workers and journalists, said a "miracle" had happened. "I'm happy for Thais all over the country, for the people of Mae Sai, and actually just everyone in the world because every news channel has presented this story and this is what we have been waiting for," she said.

The plight of the boys and their coach has captivated Thailand and much of the world — from the heart-breaking news that they were missing to the first flickering video of the huddle of anxious yet smiling boys when they were found 10 days later by a pair of British divers. They were trapped in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave on June 23, when they were exploring it after a soccer practice and it became flooded by monsoon rains.

Each of the boys, ages 11 to 16 and with no diving experience, was guided out by a pair of divers in three days of intricate and high-stakes operations. The route, in some places just a crawl space, had oxygen canisters positioned at regular intervals to refresh each team's air supply.

## Okinawa-based airmen assist in rescue

BY SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Dozens of U.S. military personnel, including pararescue airmen based in Okinawa, were part of a multinational effort that saved 12 young soccer players and their coach from a flooded cave in Thailand. The final boy and his coach were rescued Tuesday.

State Department spokesman Steve Castonguay in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand, where the operation unfolded, said in an email Tuesday that Thai authorities had the lead about 40 American servicemen in support.

"The U.S. team here consists of a survival specialist and pararescue specialists trained in personnel recovery techniques and procedures, as well as their support personnel," he said. The group also included Army personnel from a civil military support element, he said.

U.S. Special Operations Command tweeted photographs Tuesday of American servicemembers working on the rescue operations. They show an American servicemember looking at a map with his Thai counterparts, and other U.S. troops



TWITTER/Courtesy of USSOCOM

**The mission commander for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's search and rescue team shakes hands with a Royal Thai military official June 29 at Chiang Rai, Thailand, where members of the 353rd Special Operations Group assisted with the cave rescue mission.**

highlighting into the jungle.

"The men and women of the 353rd Special Operations Group have been directly supporting this international mission for almost two weeks," the command said in its tweet.

The 353rd includes more than 800 air-

Highlighting the dangers, a former Thai navy SEAL died Friday while replenishing the canisters.

Cave diving experts had warned it was potentially too risky to dive the youngsters out. But Thai officials, acutely aware that the boys could be trapped for months by monsoon rains that would swell waters in the cave system, seized a window of opportunity provided by relatively mild weather. A massive water pumping effort also made the winding cave more navigable. The confidence of the diving team, and expertise specific to the cave, grew after its first successful mission.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, speaking before the final rescue was completed, said the boys were given an anti-anxiety medication to help with their perilous removal from the cave.

Asked at a weekly press conference

Tuesday if the boys had been sedated, Prayuth said: "Who would chloroform them? If they're chloroformed, how could they come out? It's called anxiolytic, something to make them not excited, not stressed."

Prayuth said the Tham Luang Nang Non cave would be closed for some time to make it safe for visitors.

The eight boys brought out by divers on Sunday and Monday were doing well and were in good spirits, a senior health official said. There were given a treat Tuesday: bread with chocolate spread that they'd requested. Two of the boys possibly have a lung infection but all eight are generally "healthy and smiling," he said.

It could be at least seven days before they can be released from the hospital, Jedsada Chokdumrongsuk, permanent secretary at the Public Health Ministry told a news conference.

men stationed at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and is the only Air Force Special Operations unit in the Pacific.

The rescue Tuesday of the last of the trapped boys and their coach from Tham Luang Cave was announced by the Thai navy SEALs on their Facebook page.

"Twelve Wild Boars and coach out of the cave," the SEALs posted, referring to the name of the youngsters' soccer team.

The boys and their 25-year-old coach were exploring the cave after soccer practice June 23 and became stranded when monsoon rains filled passageways.

The risk involved in extracting them from the darkness hit home Friday when a former Thai Navy SEAL died in the cave after running out of air.

However, with oxygen levels dropping inside the chamber where the team was trapped and a forecast of heavy rain, planners decided by Sunday to attempt the daring rescue, which involved equipping the team with breathing masks and having divers shepherd them through the perilous water to safety.

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Family members have seen at least some of the boys from behind a glass isolation barrier.

It was clear doctors were taking a cautious approach. Jedsada said they were uncertain what type of infections the boys could face "because we have never experienced this kind of issue from a deep cave."

If medical tests show no dangers, after another two days, parents will be able to enter the isolation area dressed in sterilized clothing and staying 2 yards away from the boys, said Tosteph Bunthong, a public health official.

President Donald Trump joined those paying tribute to the rescuers.

"On behalf of the United States, congratulations to the Thai Navy SEALs and all on the successful rescue of the 12 boys and their coach from the treacherous cave in Thailand," he tweeted.

## South Korea to probe military plan to quell Park protests

BY HYUNG-JIN KIM  
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*Associated Press*

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president has ordered an investigation into a revelation that the military drew up a plan to mobilize troops if protests last year worsened over the fate of his impeached predecessor, officials said Tuesday.

Military intervention in civilian affairs is an extremely sensitive issue in South Korea, which was ruled by army-backed dictatorships for decades before achieving democracy in the late 1980s. During the harsh rules, authorities occasionally proclaimed martial law and other decrees that allowed them to station combat

soldiers, tanks and armored vehicles on streets or at public places like schools to prevent anti-government demonstrations.

The latest controversy last week when a ruling party lawmaker disclosed a document showing the military planned to use troops to maintain order if rallies either opposing or supporting conservative then-President Park Geun-hye grew violent after a Constitutional Court ruling on her impeachment over a corruption scandal.

The Defense Ministry later confirmed the existence of the document, which was written during the final weeks of Park's presidency by its intelligence arm, called the Defense Security

Command.

Current President Moon Jae-in, during a visit to India on Monday night, ordered his defense minister to establish a special team to investigate the document, Moon's spokesman, Kim Eu-kyum, told reporters in Seoul on Tuesday.

The investigation team won't be supervised by Defense Minister Song Young-moo and will be allowed to operate independently for a fair probe, Kim said. Later Tuesday, Song expressed "deep regret" over the document, saying he'll sternly deal with any act of illegality over the case in line with law.

Before the court ruling in March 2017 that eventually upheld Park's impeachment and formally drove her from office,

South Korea was embroiled in its worst political turmoil in decades. Millions had taken to the street to call for Park's ouster in largely peaceful demonstrations, but there had also been vehement protests supporting Park.

Under the document, the Defense Security Command assessed that anti-Park protesters would call for a "revolution" if the court rejected Park's impeachment. Pro-Park forces, for their part, would consider the court's confirmation of Park's impeachment a "rebellion," according to the document provided by the office of lawmaker Lee Cheol-hee.

The document said either group of protesters could fire firebombs in street rallies, set fires at police stations and steal guns there, and try to occupy the Constitutional Court's building and the presidential palace if the court didn't rule to that group's satisfaction.

The document said the protests would cause a crisis in national security at a time when North Korea was expected to launch provocations over South Korea's springtime military drills with the United States.

The Constitutional Court's ruling eventually sparked rallies denouncing the verdict. The protests left three of Park's supporters dead and deepened a national divide, but didn't escalate to a level that posed a threat to national security. The military plan wasn't implemented, and Park was later arrested and sentenced to 24 years in prison.

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# OPINION

## Nominee is 'John Roberts 2.0' – a good thing

By HUGH HEWITT  
*Special To The Washington Post*

Some conservatives are disappointed with President Donald Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. They can't afford to indulge discouragement. They have to rally.

Kavanaugh is a center-right judge who will, I believe, vote with Chief Justice John Roberts almost all of the time, and who can argue the center-right originalist view as easily and persuasively as the chief justice. Just as I described another name on the final list, Judge Raymond Kethledge, as "Gorsuch 2.0," I think it is accurate to describe Kavanaugh as "Roberts 2.0."

While I do not know Kavanaugh, Roberts is an old colleague of mine from the White House Counsel's Office in the Reagan administration and I admire him greatly for his character, his intellect, his long view and his leadership on the court. I am one of the few conservatives who appreciate the merits of his decision in the 2012 Obamacare case, and I point out to every conservative who will listen that his record overwhelmingly consists of siding with Justices Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas. Kavanaugh will do the same.

Thus when Judge Kavanaugh becomes Justice Kavanaugh, there finally will be a reliable fifth vote to join the other four originalists. That does not mean a "radical court," an "activist reactionary majority" or other Democratic hyperbole. It means a court that is at least for a time both modest in its understanding of its role vis-a-vis the other branches and also will-



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**Conservatives can trust, from Judge Brett Kavanaugh's record, that he will not become a liberal upon joining the Supreme Court, as David Souter did, columnist Hugh Hewitt says.**

ing to reclaim territory ceded by previous court majorities to administrative agencies. The new majority will not invent new rights, but it will be busy protecting old ones, such as the Fifth Amendment's right not to have property taken without compensation. It will also be respectful of the states and their constitutionally protected sovereignty. In particular, Kavanaugh will focus intense scrutiny on the claims of the administrative state, including its propensity to move at the speed of "bureaucracy

standard time."

Conservatives can trust, from Kavanaugh's vast record, that he will not become a liberal upon joining the court, as David Souter did. Still, while that record is often brilliant originalism on the bench, there are also brushes with political controversy off of it, including during the Clinton impeachment proceedings when he was a member of Ken Starr's team and during his service in the George W. Bush White House. Those jobs will turn hearings that should be devoted to Kavanaugh's qualifications for the Supreme Court into a relitigation of the past quarter-century of American history. The "terror memos" are back on the table, as are the theories behind the articles of impeachment against Clinton — theories that Kavanaugh helped draft (though of course only as an employee of Starr).

There is not much political upside to Kavanaugh's nomination, but there is enormous political downside if the Senate does not confirm him. Conservatives must understand that the president made his choice and that Kavanaugh is eminently qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and they should get about the business of confirming him. Not winning the battle ahead means risking a reliable originalist majority — the first in decades — on the nation's highest court. In turn, that would demoralize conservative voters and further endanger the GOP's Senate majority in November. Conservatives should not countenance putting either majority in peril.

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## Trump left the best choice, Barrett, on the bench

By DAVID FRENCH  
*Special To The Washington Post*

There was a moment, in the early afternoon Monday, when conservatives contemplated the delightful possibility that they might witness the best possible version of President Donald Trump — the man with the will (and flair for the dramatic) that would allow him to be bolder than the average Republican president. The best version of Trump would have nominated Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court.

Would another Republican have the guts to put forward a nominee who would so clearly inflame the culture wars? Would another Republican president shatter the GOP nominee mold by selecting a mother of seven kids, an outspoken Christian and a graduate from a "normal" non-Ivy League law school? The base-motivating, electrifying pick was right there, in the palm of his hand.

Then, he went establishment. He chose a man that any Republican president would have nominated. He made the best safe choice he could: Judge Brett Kavanaugh, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Make no mistake, there is a lot for conservatives to like about Kavanaugh. He dissented from the D.C. Circuit's opinion upholding the District's ban on semi-automatic rifles. He has written powerfully in opposition to the excesses of the administrative state and in favor of the proper separation of powers. He has been solid on free speech and religious liberty.

In many ways he's the elitists' elitist. Kavanaugh is a double Yale graduate — from both Yale University and Yale Law School — he clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy, and he's well known as a "feeder judge" for Supreme Court clerks. Before he was nominated to the federal bench, he worked

for Solicitor General Kenneth Starr during the George H.W. Bush administration, worked for Starr during the Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky investigations, and worked for President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006.

There is arguably no better-credentialed nominee in all of conservative America, and a small army of his former law clerks have been busy writing — publicly and privately — in defense of their former boss, assuring conservatives that he will be the court's next intellectual giant.

Yet the Kavanaugh pick has been greeted with an ever-so-slight sigh of disappointment. Yes, there are the critiques of his record. In Seven Sky v. Holder, he dissented from the majority opinion upholding the constitutionality of "Obamacare," but he did so by holding that the suit was barred by the Anti-Injunction Act, in a ruling that bolstered the Obama administration's ultimately successful claim that the Obamacare penalty was truly a tax.

In Priests for Life v. Department of Health and Human Services, Kavanaugh had a "compelling interest" in "facilitating access to contraceptives" for employees of the specific religious plaintiffs in the case. That conclusion wasn't required by Supreme Court precedent, and it cheapened the very concept of a "compelling governmental interest." After all, religious employers have broad latitude to limit their employees' conduct, and the government has little legal authority to meddle in the organization's religious mission.

But, truth be told, Kavanaugh's record isn't the main reason for the flash of conservative regret. Give a judge a paper trail long enough, and he'll decide cases that ignite controversy. No, the reason for the regret runs a bit deeper. Especially for America's Christian conservatives, a potential Barrett nomination represented a

chance for an important cultural moment — an opportunity for the best of young professional Christians to face the worst of progressive antireligion bias and prevail on the largest possible stage.

If "the best" could "live loudly" within her, as Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., famously pickled Barrett, who sits on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, at her confirmation hearing last year, and she could ascend to the Supreme Court, then she would quite possibly become the conservative folk-hero equivalent of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It's not just that Barrett is qualified; she is. It's that conservative Christians see her as qualified and a person they felt like they knew. In many ways, her life story was their life story. They, too, belonged to communities of believers like People of Praise. They, too, went to schools like the University of Notre Dame.

Trump had — right in front of him — the judge who could be populist and principled; the person who could galvanize the base and be an originalist judicial bedrock for the next 30 years.

The president blinked. In the coming days and weeks, you'll see conservatives rally around Kavanaugh. The judicial nomination wars will settle into their post-filibuster norm. It will be easy for Democrats to largely vote in lockstep. Kavanaugh's credentials will make it easy for Republicans to do the same. In the coming years, he will make the court more originalist. He'll certainly write at least some opinions that make conservatives stand up and cheer, but at roughly 9 p.m. on Monday, for a critical part of Trump's base, the cheers for Kavanaugh were a tad forced.

There was, for the first time in Trump's judicial wars, a palpable sense of an opportunity lost.

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## OPINION

## Dems won't win swing voters with far left turn

By DOYLE McMANUS  
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**F**our months before the November election, Democrats are anxious and divided. They're worried about polls forecasting that the battle for Congress will be tight, not the "blue wave" blowout they dreamed of. They're divided over what their core message should be: radical resistance to President Donald Trump or a more moderate pitch to voters in the center.

As former President Barack Obama said at a recent fundraiser, the party should take a deep breath and calm down. The fundamentals of this election year are still running in Democrats' favor. And they have a workable platform to run on, although it can be hard to locate in the onslaught of the daily news cycle.

Like most midterms, this year's will be a referendum on the incumbent president — only more so. A Pew Research Center poll last month showed that voters on all sides are unusually focused on choosing which party controls Congress and making their votes a judgment on the president.

That's bad news for Republicans. Despite occasional good weeks, Trump remains the most unpopular first-term president of modern times.

Democrats have the advantage of an "enthusiasm gap," according to Pew, with self-described liberals especially fired up. But the Democratic lead on the question of which party voters prefer has ebbed from 13 points in January to 6 points today (46 to 40 percent) — not enough to assure a change in control of Congress.

Those numbers at least should indicate to Democrats that they can stop worrying about their base — liberal and progressive voters plan to turn out. The key to winning back the House, veteran party strategists

argue, is appealing to voters in the center.

"Keep the debate on issues that matter to swing voters," advises Mark Mellman, who has worked for Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and former California Sen. Barbara Boxer. Don't push a left-wing wish list — even after Democratic socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's primary win in New York City last month.

Swing voters care about the economy — not the Wall Street economy that's booming, but the household economy where people say they haven't felt much benefit from the GOP's tax cut. Republican candidates are trumpeting good unemployment and growth numbers, and they're praying that a new GDP measure due out July 27 will show a big jump.

But Democrats don't need to concede the point. Polls show that the massive shift in taxation that Republicans passed last year is unpopular, an unusual achievement for a tax cut. In several recent polls, no more than 1 in 4 Americans said they had noticed any decrease in their tax bills.

"Trump is going to present the economy and the tax cuts as a success," said Stanley Greenberg, another strategist. "We want that fight ... What's killing people is rising costs: housing, health care, child care."

Voters are particularly worried about health care. The Trump administration gave Democrats a powerful new talking point last month when it asked a federal judge to undo massively popular protections for people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Immigration isn't an issue most Democrats in swing districts would have chosen to run on, but they can't avoid it now. Calls from Ocasio-Cortez and other progressives to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement grabbed recent headlines, and earned a gleeful response from Trump and other Republicans, who want to tar the



Democrats as soft on crime.

But most Democrats haven't embraced that position. And, in fact, their party does have a reasonably clear platform on immigration: a long-standing call for comprehensive reform that includes a path to citizenship for "Dreamers" and others.

The raw politics of the issue is clear. If migrant families are still separated or caged in internment camps by November, Republicans will suffer at the ballot box. But if Trump can change the subject to "abolish ICE" and "open borders," Democrats will pay a price.

Finally, Democratic candidates need to resist the temptation to react to everything Trump says, which lets him control the agenda, probably his greatest political talent. Resistance, as Mellman notes, will only get you so far in the midterms. "People do

not lump every Republican with Trump."

Nor can Democrats rely on playing the Russia card. Unless special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation reaches a clear conclusion before November, collusion is not going to decide the fall election.

A primary election win like Ocasio-Cortez's doesn't hold many lessons for the general election in November; her district is deep blue. What Democrats need most is wins in places such as Orange County, Calif., and the suburbs of Chicago or Philadelphia now held by GOP incumbents. Polls suggest a blue ripple, if not a wave, is reaching enough of those districts to give the Democrats a majority in the House.

The test of the next four months is whether Democrats will enlarge their lead or manage somehow to throw it away.

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## True shame of suicide is not talking about it to prevent it

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**T**here is an approximately one in 10 chance that you or someone you know will attempt to end their life. Over 45,000 Americans kill themselves every year — more than all the annual deaths from terrorism across the world combined. In fact, there are twice as many suicides every year as there are homicides. And more than 500,000 people are treated in U.S. emergency rooms each year for injuries related to self-harm.

Yet we rarely talk about suicide. Why? Because there is a strong sense of shame, guilt and stigma associated with mental health challenges and suicide. People are afraid to initiate conversations, as if talking about it will increase the incidence of suicide. Nothing can be further from the truth.

And our silence clearly isn't helping. The rates of most other causes of death are decreasing, but the suicide rate is increasing; a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the rate of suicide has risen more than 25 percent over the last two decades.

Suicide has many faces, as the recent deaths of chef/world traveler Anthony Bourdain and fashion designer Kate Spade illustrate. It cuts across all socioeconomic, educational, racial and ethnic divides of our society. Our youth are especially vulnerable. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among the individuals be-

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tween the ages of 10 and 34.

The current rate of suicide is shockingly high by any historical and social standard. It is simply unacceptable to let so many people die in the prime of their lives. Apart from the catastrophic effect suicide has on relationships, family and friends, the economic impact of suicide is staggering. It is estimated that a single suicide costs \$1.3 million to society. The total societal cost of suicide and self-harm behaviors is close to \$93 billion every year.

Why isn't more being done to prevent suicides? Suicide prevention should be part of every school curriculum and a top priority for every federal and state health care jurisdiction. Even though suicide is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths, there is virtually no attention being paid to it in the federal government. In fact, the Trump administration's decision to roll back "Obamacare" has eroded health care protection for those most in need and may very well contribute indirectly to more suicides.

Bourdain's suicide has stunned the cultural and entertainment world. Some celebrities, prompted by Bourdain's suicide, shared stories of their own battles with depression. Actor and comedian Patton Oswalt tweeted, "I've brushed up against this darkness and I know it's a tempting exit but REACH OUT TO ANYONE." He tweeted, "Stay on this side of it - in the light and warmth. Where you get to try again, everyday."

The single most important suicide prevention measure is gun control. Sixty percent of completed suicides involve the use of firearms. Just having a gun in the house significantly increases the risk of suicide for the whole family. Tens of thousands are allowed to die needlessly every year because of the inaction by Congress on gun control. Frankly, this is pathetic.

The opponents of gun control may say that the individuals likely to kill themselves will substitute guns with another lethal method. This is simply not true for many. Australia used to have a similar problem with gun violence; after it instituted sensible gun control laws in 1996, suicide rates have plummeted and remain low.

Another factor contributing to the suicide epidemic is the massive increase in opiate addiction and the introduction of Fentanyl to the street market. The vast majority of individuals suffering from opioid addiction do not get any treatment beyond a few days of detox, after which they are released back to the street without any help.

Spade, who struggled with depression

and alcoholism later in life, fixated on comedian Robin Williams' suicide by hanging and that may have served as her inspiration, her sister said.

The irony is that although suicide is one of the most important health care crises in the 21st century, the victims of suicide and their families have little or no political voice. We cannot afford to wait. There are many common-sense measures we can adopt, such as removing firearms from our homes, talking to our kids and our neighbors about suicide, monitoring signs of distress and mental illness in our family and friends, and attempting to get them appropriate treatment if needed. However, a comprehensive solution can only be found by engaging in an informed national dialogue about suicide, mental health and drug addiction.

I call upon President Donald Trump to urgently appoint a federal suicide prevention task force and Congress to undertake common-sense gun control laws. It is not enough to do a photo op when a tragedy strikes and pay lip service to the victims of suicide and drug overdose on the campaign trail. We must put our money where our mouth is. The American public and our conscience demand action. One more life lost to suicide is one too many.

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## WORLD

# British PM defiant amid Brexit turmoil

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LONDON — The battle over Brexit — Britain's planned exit from the European Union — has become very messy indeed.

Prime Minister Theresa May's government was plunged into disarray Monday with the resignation of her flamboyant foreign secretary, Boris Johnson, who quit in protest of May's plans for a so-called soft Brexit, which would maintain close trade ties with Europe.

Such a scenario, Johnson wrote in his resignation letter, could result in Britain being relegated to

"the status of a colony" of the European Union.

The rebellion within her own Conservative Party illustrated May's dire political weakness less than nine months before the split is to take effect in March.

Johnson's departure came less than 24 hours after that of another key Cabinet member, David Davis, who was tasked with overseeing Brexit.

May says it is crucial to avoid a "hard" Brexit — a departure from the EU without a deal in place. Such a scenario could wreak havoc on Britain's financial sector and the wider economy.

"This is the Brexit that is in our national interest," she told a rau-

cous session of Parliament shortly after Johnson's departure was announced by Downing Street.

Johnson, the floppy-haired former mayor of London, helped spearhead the campaign that led to Britain's narrow vote in June 2016 to break with the EU — a shock that has been likened to President Donald Trump's unexpected victory on the other side of the Atlantic five months later.

May tried to face down parliamentary hecklers who said she was betraying the voting public. They jeered loudly when she spoke approvingly of the "spirited national debate" taking place.

She moved quickly to replace both the departing ministers.

Moving into Johnson's spot is Jeremy Hunt, formerly the health secretary. Davis was supplanted by Dominic Raab, an ex-housing minister who was a leading Brexit proponent.

Under the prime minister's plan, to which her Cabinet had agreed last week, Britain would keep close trade ties to the EU and remain subject to some of its regulatory mechanisms. That prospect set off a wave of anger from those who considered Brexit a ringing declaration of independence from the bureaucracy in Brussels.

British press reports speculated that the ambitious Johnson might be readying a challenge

to May for the leadership of the party, potentially setting himself up to become prime minister.

May argued that her plan represented the only way to avoid the reimposing of border formalities such as tariffs and immigration checks between Ireland, which is an EU member, and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom. The Irish border has been a big sticking point in Brexit negotiations with the EU.

Backers of Brexit say May's plan would hobble Britain's ability to make trade deals of its own, and leave it subject to the very EU regulations it sought to leave behind in the referendum vote more than two years ago.



Rescuers search for missing people at the site of a mudslide following days of heavy rain in Kumano town, Hiroshima prefecture, Japan, on Tuesday.

## Japan reeling as flood deaths top 150

By HARU NUGA AND MARI YAMAGUCHI  
*Associated Press*

HIROSHIMA, Japan — Akira Tanimoto says his apartment narrowly survived the floods and mudslide at his residential complex over the weekend, and even if he wants to go back there with his wife and two pet birds, he can't because there is no water, power or food available.

After their desperate run from floods that had hit the apartment complex where about a dozen of his neighbors were found dead, he returned to his place Monday to check on his apartment, which was almost intact. He also had to bring with him his beloved birds, which he initially had to leave behind.

Tanimoto wants to go back there with his wife, Chieko, and their parakeets, Pi-chan and Kyakochan, but said it would take a few weeks until they get the utility services back and clean the place.

"I can't go back if I wanted to," the 66-year-old retired Self-Defense serviceman said, holding a bird cage. "Electricity is out, water is cut off and there is no information there."

Rescuers were combing through mud-covered hillsides and along riverbanks Tuesday searching for dozens of people missing after heavy rains unleashed flooding and mudslides in southwestern Japan, where the death toll has exceeded 150.

More than 50 people were unaccounted for as of Tuesday evening, many in the hardest hit Hiroshi-

ma area. At Tanimoto's apartment complex, about a dozen victims have been found. He and his wife grabbed the minimum necessities and walked about 1 mile to a fire engine Sunday after the floods and mudslides hit the complex. Debris and mudslides had stopped right outside the couple's apartment door.

Work under the scorching sun was hampered by mud and heat, and shipments of relief goods were delayed by damaged roads and transportation systems, especially in areas isolated by the disaster.

Residents sheltering at the Yano school were provided with water, blankets and cellphone chargers. But a local volunteer, Yuki Sato, 25, said local convenience stores were obviously in short supply, so she didn't buy anything there because she wanted to save them for the evacuees or others who can't drive out of town.

Water and other relief supplies were scarce in some of the other disaster-hit areas.

Delivery companies Sagawa Express Co. and Yamato Transport Co. and cargo service Japan Freight Railway Co. said some of their shipments to and from the flooded areas have been suspended or reduced. Regional supermarket chains such as Every Co. said one outlet is closed and several other outlets shortened service hours due to delivery delays and supply shortage.

Thousands of homes were still without clean water and electricity in Hiroshima and other hard-hit areas.

## Nobel widow Liu Xia freed from house arrest

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*Associated Press*



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Liu Xia, the widow of Chinese Nobel dissident Liu Xiaobo, smiles as she arrives at the Helsinki International Airport in Vantaa, Finland, on Tuesday.

dissidents during visits to China and has raised Liu Xia's case with Chinese officials, including during a visit in May, people familiar with the matter said.

Liu Xia's brother, Liu Hui, wrote on a social media site: "Sister has already left Beijing for Europe at noon to start her new life. Thanks to everyone who has helped and cared for her these few years. I hope from now on her life is peaceful and happy."

Liu's release comes as Chinese Premier Li Keqiang is visiting Germany, a country that in May said it would welcome the widow after a recording was released of her crying in desperation and indicating she had lost hope of being able to leave China.

CLOSE FRIENDS

Gao Yu, a veteran journalist in Beijing, and Wu Yangwei, better known by his pen name Ye Du, said Liu Xia was on a Finnair flight to Berlin that left Tuesday morning. Wu said he spoke to Liu Xia's older brother, Liu Tong.

"Liu Xia has been kept isolated

for so many years," said Wu by phone from the southern city of Guangzhou. "I hope that being in a free country will allow Liu Xia to heal her longstanding traumas and wounds."

For years Liu Xia has expressed

a preference to go to Germany, where she has a circle of friends from China's dissident and literary circles. German Chancellor Angela Merkel meets regularly with

the news of her release was celebrated by China's beleaguered community of activists, who have been at the center of an expansive crackdown on civil society, rights lawyers and other independent groups the administration of President Xi Jinping has deemed a threat to the ruling Communist Party's grip on power.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Business helps man facing arrest over DVD

**OK** TULSA — A business helped an Oklahoma man who was facing a more than \$200 fine and a warrant for his arrest for an overdue movie ticket he had forgotten about after becoming homeless.

Tulsa television station KTUL reported Lonnie Perry had rented the movie "Ted" in 2014 from a rental store in Claremore, northeast of Tulsa. Shortly after that, he became homeless and packed up the movie along with his belongings.

Perry had forgotten about the rental until he was contacted by the Rogers County District Attorney's Office.

Jeff of All Trades, a Tulsa handgun company, went to the movie rental store and paid everything Perry owed on the unreturned DVD.

## Judge tosses suit to make pot a sacrament

**MI** INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis church that wants marijuana to be recognized as a religion sacrament had its case dismissed by a judge.

On Friday, Marion Circuit Court tossed the 3-year-old case, The Indianapolis Star reported. The First Church of Cannabis had filed a lawsuit on grounds that pot was considered a sacrament under Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Judge Sheryl Lynch said the church's love for marijuana does not count as practicing a religion. She also said allowing exemptions for illegal marijuana use and possession would affect society negatively.

## Witnesses: Naked man tried to strangle dog

**NY** SYRACUSE — Police said a Syracuse man is facing a charge of aggravated cruelty to animals after witnesses told authorities he tried to strangle a dog and to pull its legs apart.

The Post-Standard reported officers arrived at Burns Avenue on Friday evening after getting reports that a naked man was trying to kill a dog. The man was taken into custody.

Officers found the dog behind a house, with a leg injury and unable to walk. Police said the dog was taken to a veterinary center. It had suffered a fractured right front leg, bruising to its eyes and torn toenails.

## William & Mary to mark spot of black school

**VA** WILLIAMSBURG — William & Mary says it will erect a highway marker to commemorate the spot where a school for enslaved and free black children likely was located.

The university in Williamsburg said in a statement that the marker could be in place as soon as early fall on the edge of campus.

The Bray School operated there from 1760 to 1774. It was founded by The Associates of Dr. Bray, a London-based charity. Benjamin

## THE CENSUS

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**The length in feet of an alligator** that sheriff's deputies helped Fish and Wildlife officers capture on Florida's Gulf Coast. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office posted photos Sunday on social media of the alligator at Shamrock Park in Venice. A trapper took the animal away. Animal Services supervisor Carl Sellitti said it may have been the largest alligator they've responded to in the 20 years he's been with the department.



NICKI KOHL, (DUBUQUE, IOWA) TELEGRAPH HERALD/AP

## Cleaning Clyde for a cause

Trevor Fannon, left, and Chad Moser dry off Clyde, an English bulldog, after giving him a bath during Pups & Suds at Theisen's Home-Farm-Auto in Dubuque, Iowa, on Sunday. The dog-washing event is held by Loras College Dance Marathon to raise money for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network.

Franklin was a member of the association and suggested the school's Williamsburg location.

As many as 400 boys and girls received instruction at the school.

## Police: Chemicals 'blew up' in man's face

**MA** BOSTON — Police said a home explosion in Boston that sent one person to the hospital was caused by a man experimenting with chemicals.

Police Commissioner William Evans said Tomas Mikula, 28, was tinkering with the chemicals in his East Boston apartment when they "blew up in his face." The explosion blew out windows in the second-floor apartment and forced a building evacuation.

Mikula was hospitalized with second-degree burns and was in critical but stable condition.

Evans said several weapons and live ammunition were found in the home, but police do not believe the explosion is linked to terrorism. Mikula faces several charges including unlawful possession of explosives and unlawful possession of firearms.

## Prosecutors: Officer offered teens drugs

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A New Mexico state police officer is facing charges after prosecutors say he tried to give drugs to two teenage girls.

The Albuquerque Journal reported New Mexico State Police Officer Daniel Capahart is being held at the Cibola County Detention Center on suspicion of distributing marijuana and methamphetamine.

An FBI agent said Capahart pulled over two teen girls in June and issued citations for marijuana possession. The agent said Capahart, 33, gave a 16-year-old his business card with his personal cell number and started sending the girl flirtatious text messages and pictures of marijuana. Investigators later arrested Capahart after an undercover drug sting.

## 2 escape when boat catches fire on lake

**WA** KENMORE — Two people escaped when their boat caught fire in Lake Washington.

KOMO-TV reported the fire was reported in the waters off Kenmore just after 8 p.m. Sunday.

The boat became fully engulfed and two people on board jumped into the lake to flee the flames. They eventually were rescued by nearby boaters.

No injuries were reported. Fire boats from Seattle Police, Mercer Island and King County Marine rescue were called to the scene to fight the flames.

## 2 people wounded after gun in pocket fires

**IA** DES MOINES — Authorities said bullet fragments struck two people after a handgun went off in a man's pocket at the Animal Rescue League in Des Moines.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene about 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said the 27-year-old man was pulling something from his pocket when the gun fired.

The bullet bounced off the floor and fragmented. One fragment struck a 62-year-old woman in the leg and another hit a 9-year-old.

old girl in the leg. Both people were hospitalized.

The Sheriff's Office hasn't released the names of those involved. No arrests or citations have been reported.

## Police say speeding driver refused to stop

**NH** WOLFBORO — Police in New Hampshire said a driver they tried to stop kept going because he didn't want anyone to make him late.

Police in Wolfeboro said they tried to stop the man on suspicion of speeding and defective equipment violations. The driver sped away and pulled into a parking lot.

The officer spotted the car among several other cars in the parking lot. Police said the driver, identified as Jesse Depiero, 22, said he didn't stop because he didn't want anyone to make him late.

Depiero was charged with disobeying a police officer and speeding. He was being held at the Carroll County House of Corrections.

From wire reports

## FACES

# Addicts welcome

**Director Gus Van Sant continues his on-screen exploration of drugs, recovery with 'Don't Worry'**

BY JEFFREY FLEISHMAN  
*Los Angeles Times*

**A**Gus Van Sant film has moments of strange wonder when those at the fringes — pill-poppers, boozers, gay hustlers and a genius janitor — find communion amid the souls of troubled others. The director's portrayals of self-destruction and addiction are disturbing, comic, intimate and not always redemptive.

His new film, "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far On Foot," is based on the life of John Callahan (Joaquin Phoenix), an alcoholic turned paraplegic by a car accident. Callahan became an irreverent cartoonist, a wheelchair-bound iconoclast who joins Alcoholics Anonymous and enters a world of wisecracks, pain, reflection and guilt.

The movie, which opens in state-of-the-art theaters on Friday, is set in the 1970s and reminiscent of Van Sant's early masterpiece "Drugstore Cowboy," about a superstitious robber of pharmacies, and more conventional than his "Last Days," an imagining of Kurt Cobain's isolation before his suicide. All three films explore the gnawing burden of addiction and are relevant at a time when America is caught in an opioid and heroin epidemic.

Hollywood has long examined addiction, from the miscreants and outcasts of "The Pianist in Noodle Park" and "Midnight Cowboy" to the tragedies in "Requiem for a Dream" and "Flight." The narratives span the marijuana anxiety of the 1930s, the psychedelic trips at the '60s, the cocaine furies of the '80s and the meth labs at the turn of century.

The current crisis is the latest chapter in a troubled history. Dependency has become a pastime, a recurring menace with a list that includes amphetamines, Vicodin, OxyContin and more recently fentanyl. The recent change in drug culture has been

in the marketing and prevalence of increasingly addictive prescription pills that have left users susceptible to heroin and dangerous synthetic blends.

"I had kidney stones and I was able to deal with it by just drinking water, but then said in case there's pain, take this OxyContin," Van Sant said. "There was a similar culture in the 1800s. Aspirin had heroin. They once had cocaine in Coca-Cola."

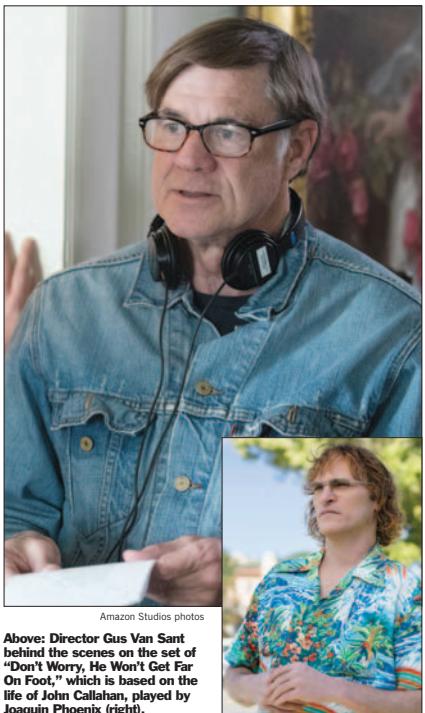
Robin Williams contacted Van Sant in the 1990s about developing Callahan's 1989 autobiography into a movie. Two screenplays were written, but nothing happened. After Williams died in 2014, Sony asked Van Sant if he wanted to revive the project.

"Callahan was a developed alcoholic at the age of 21, but the accident made him keep drinking," said Van Sant, whose new film is being distributed by Amazon Studios. "He didn't know what to do. He kept drinking for another seven or eight years. The epiphany was the moment where he couldn't reach his bottle. It was behind the couch, and he supposedly stopped cold at that moment."

Along the way, Callahan joined an Alcoholics Anonymous group. The group and its 12 steps toward abstinence, which Callahan first resists, becomes a touchstone, a place to rant, cry, ridicule, forgive and lay bare phantom.

"People tell the stories of their lives and people try to trip them up, find discrepancies," said Van Sant, who attended an AA meeting before shooting. "What is your biggest difficulty? Someone (in the group) tells their story and they have their mother, sister and brother, but at the end someone challenges them and says, 'What about your father? You didn't mention him once!'"

In one scene, Callahan weeps, talking about his accident, injuries and mother. He seeks compassion, but his is just another hard-luck story in a group full of them. There is, in the end, a comfort in that.



**Above:** Director Gus Van Sant behind the scenes on the set of "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far On Foot," which is based on the life of John Callahan, played by Joaquin Phoenix (right).



KELLY SWINK SAHDY/AP

## Hero work

"Wonder Woman" actress Gal Gadot dressed in her Amazonian armor and doled out hugs, kisses and autographs to patients and staffers during a visit July 6 to Inova Children's Hospital in Falls Church, Va. Pictured: Gadot and Karalynne Sahady, 7 months, who has acute myeloid leukemia, a form of pediatric cancer.

## Film crew member says Depp punched him on set

Associated Press

A film crew member says in a lawsuit that Johnny Depp twice punched him on the Los Angeles set of a movie about the killing of the Notorious B.I.G., and that he was fired from the production when he refused to promise not to sue over the incident.

Location manager Greg "Rocky" Brooks is also suing the film's director and producers for unspecified damages in the lawsuit filed July 6 in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

In the movie, "City of Lies," set for U.S. release Sept. 7, the 55-year-old Depp plays a Los Angeles police detective who for years investigated the still-unresolved 1997 death of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., also known as Biggie Smalls, whose real name is Christopher Wallace.

Brooks alleges that in April 2017, when the film was shooting in downtown L.A., he informed director Brad Furman that an upcoming take featuring Depp would have to be the last outdoor shot of the night because of legal permits.

The lawsuit says Furman forced Brooks to go beyond his duties and tell Depp himself that shooting had to end. Brooks said he was seeking set security when Depp found him first.

Brooks said Depp smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated as he shouted obscenities, then "angrily and forcefully" punched Brooks twice in the rib cage.

Depp then yelled, "I will give you one hundred thousand dollars to punch me in the face right now!" when Brooks showed

little reaction, according to the lawsuit, before the actor's bodyguards intervened.

Brooks said he returned to work the next Monday and was asked by a producer to write and sign a declaration saying he wouldn't sue over the incident. Brooks says he was fired when he refused.

Brooks suffered humiliation, wrongful termination and physical and mental pain from the incident, the lawsuit says. The filmmakers should have known that Depp was using alcohol and drugs and was a threat to the well-being of others on the set, it says.

## Other news

■ Drake officially owns the Billboard charts, where seven of his songs currently sit in the Top 10. All 25 tracks from Drake's ultra-popular "Scorpion" album, released on June 29, are on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Drake's new feath breaks the Beatles' 1964 record, when five of their songs reached the Top 10 in the same week. Overall, Drake has 31 Top 10 hits, tied with Rihanna.

■ George Clooney was taken to the hospital in Sardinia and released after being involved in an accident while riding his motorcycle, hospital officials said. The John Paul II hospital in Olbia said the actor was released Tuesday. Local daily La Nuova Sardegna said Clooney, 57, had headed to a film set on Tuesday when his motorcycle was hit by a car.

■ Oscar-winning actor Geoffrey Rush has pulled out of a stage production in Australia as he sues a Sydney newspaper

for defamation. Melbourne Theatre Company's Brett Sheehy said he received confirmation Monday of Rush's withdrawal from the role of Malvolio in a seven-week season of "Twelfth Night" that begins on July 12. Rush cited his current circumstances and medical advice for having to withdraw. The Australian actor is suing The Daily Telegraph for defamation over articles published in December that accused him of inappropriate behavior in 2015. Rush has denied the allegation.

■ Justin Bieber and 21-year-old model Hailey Baldwin are engaged after a month of dating. The 24-year-old singer confirmed the engagement in an Instagram post Monday that included a photo of Baldwin kissing him. Bieber promises in the post to put Baldwin first and calls her the love of his life. TMZ first reported the engagement, which apparently occurred July 7 in the Bahamas. Baldwin is the daughter of actor Stephen Baldwin.

■ The Avett Brothers band postponed a sold-out show in Oregon after a man showed up to the venue with a gun, then disappeared into the crowd. The popular roots-rock band called off its concert July 7 at the McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale after it says a man triggered a metal detector when entering the venue. "When confronted by the security guard and informed of the no-firearm policy of the venue, the individual stated that he was an out-of-state police officer and showed a badge," the band wrote on its website. The man walked into the crowd before security could verify his story, according to the band.

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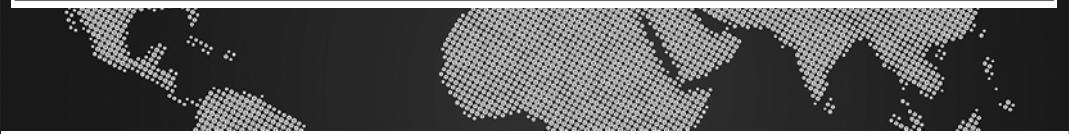
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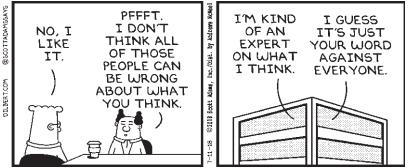
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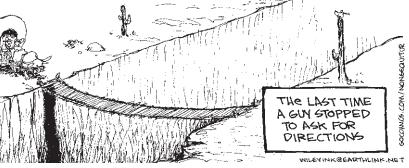
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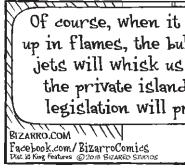
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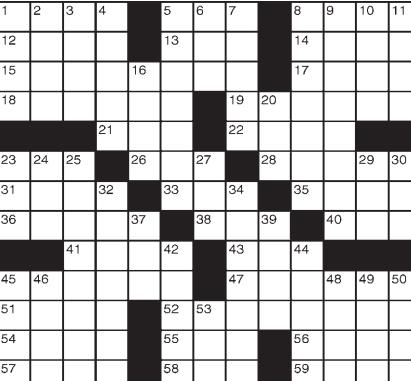
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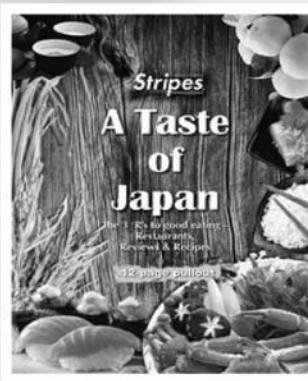
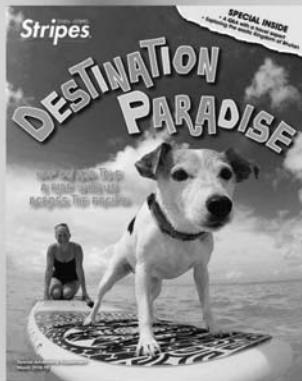
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**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Recalled RHP Jimmy Yacabonis from Norfolk (IL) as 26th man and returned him to Orioles.

**CHICAGO CUBS** — Signed LHP Charlie Ryan LaMarre off waivers from Minnesota.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Assigned RHP Gregg Kontos outright to Columbus (IL).

**Detroit Tigers** — Assigned 2B Dixon Machado outright to Toledo (IL). Optioned 1B Matt Tuiasosopo to Toledo.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Recalled RHP Giovanni Gallegos as 26th man from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, recalled him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Recalled RHP Luis Cessa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, optioned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Optioned INF OF Brandon Drury to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Assigned RHP Armando Rodriguez to Charlotte (FL) for a rehab assignment.

**TORONTO RANGERS** — Optioned RHP Austin Bibens-Drew to Round Rock (PCL). Activated RHP Cory Gearrin.

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Placed OF Yasel Puig on the 10-day DL. Recalled 1B Eric Thames from Oklahoma City (PCL).

**MARINER PAPERS** — Placed RHP Trevor Rogers on the 10-day DL. Recalled 1B Matt Wieters from Triple-A Toledo.

**NEVADA RANGERS** — Placed 3B Todd Frazier on the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Chris Flexen to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled RHP Matt Moore from Triple-A Las Vegas to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled RHP Ty Kelly from Las Vegas. Sent LHP Jason Vargas to Brooklyn (NYP) for a rehab assignment.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Optioned RHP Drew Anderson to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHPs Matt Moore and LHP Kyle Mohr from Lehigh Valley.

**DETROIT TIGERS** — Signed RHP Matt Scherzer and INF Cory Spangenberg to El Paso (PCL). Optioned RHP Miguel Sano and RHP Matt Moore (Texas) to El Paso. Recalled RHP Matt Maton and RHP Matt Lockhart from El Paso.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Recalled C Pedro Severino from the 10-day DL. Optioned C Pedro Severino to Syracuse (NY).

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

**LOS ANGELES LAKERS** — Signed F LeBron James.

**MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES** — Signed F Kyle Anderson, G Mike Conley, C JaVale McGee.

**MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES** — Signed F Anthony Tolliver to a one-year contract.

**NEW ORLEANS PELicans** — Signed F Julius Randle to a two-year contract and G Darius Miller to a one-year contract.

Re-signed G Ian Clark to a one-year contract.

**Women's National Basketball Association**

**CONNECTICUT SUN** — Drafted G Alex Bentley to Atlanta for G Layshia Clarendon and a 2019 second-round draft pick.

**HOCKEY**

**Ice Hockey**

**BUFFALO SABRES** — Signed D Rasmus Dahlin to a three-year, entry-level contract.

**CAROLINA HURRICANES** — Announced the resignation of assistant coach Steve Smith.

**NEW YORK ISLANDERS** — Agreed to terms with F Jan Kovar on a one-year contract.

**SOCCER**

**Major League Soccer**

**FC DALLAS** — Signed M Michael Richards to a two-year deal.

**BAYERN MUNICH** — Signed G Uwe

**NEW YORK RED BULLS** — Loaned C David Villa to Atletico Nacional (Colombia).

**COLLEGE**

**COLONIAL LEAGUE ASSOCIATION** — Named Bill Potter assistant commissioner for communications.

**ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE** — Signed WR VanDarius Cowan from the football team.

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON** — Named Kevin W. Dill as the new men's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator, and Will Dorton pitching coach.

**HOUSTON COUGARS** — Signed Kereem Reames women's assistant basketball coach Amanda Johansen women's assistant basketball coach, Kara Velez assistant field hockey coach.

**MUHLENBERG** — Named Kelly Wakefield women's basketball coach.

**CS UPSTATE** — Named Dylan Auman women's assistant basketball coach.

**NEW YORK POLYTECHNIC** — Signed Mike Simpson and Pam Swander's men and women's assistant swimming coaches.

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN** — Signed Gyle Cypher men's assistant basketball coach.

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**NFL calendar**

**JULY 16** — Deadline for any player that designated franchise player to sign that

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**JULY 22** — Hall of Fame game, Chicago vs. Baltimore at Canton, Ohio.

**SEPT. 1** — NFL season begins.

**SEPT. 2** — NFL season ends.

**SEPT. 3** — NFL awards ceremony.

**SEPT. 4** — NFL Super Bowl.

**SEPT. 5** — NFL Draft.

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MLB

# Red Sox stretch winning streak to seven

Martinez hits 28th home run as Boston remains atop league

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 28th home run. Mookie Betts had two hits and a running catch in center field. Mitch Moreland made an over-the-shoulder grab. Even Andrew Benintendi, who is still trying to earn a spot in the All-Star Game, had a pair of hits.

The Boston Red Sox have a lineup stocked with All-Stars, and they're playing like it.

"There's so many ways this team can win every night," Martinez said after helping the Red Sox win their seventh straight game, 5-0 over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"Our whole team's been really consistent," said Martinez, one of five Boston players named to the AL roster in next week's All-Star Game. "You know what you're going to get when you come to the ballpark every night."

Martinez hit a three-run homer, Steve Pearce added a two-run shot and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched 5½ innings as Boston won for the 14th time in 17 games. The Red Sox ended the day with a 2½-game lead in the AL East — their biggest since April — over the New York Yankees, who split a doubleheader in Baltimore.

"Mookie, Benny, now it's getting fun," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "Those



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

**The Red Sox's J.D. Martinez, right, celebrates as he passes Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos after his three-run home run during the eighth inning of Monday's game at Fenway Park in Boston. The homer was Martinez's league-leading 28th.**

guys are getting on base a lot. And J.D.'s getting pitches to hit."

Pearce, who was acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays last month, lined a 3-2 pitch into the Monster Seats with two outs in the first inning to make it 2-0. It stayed that way until Betts and Benintendi singled to lead off the eighth and Martinez put one into the Monster Seats to give the Red Sox

a 5-0 lead.

That was plenty for five Red Sox pitchers, who combined on a five-hitter.

Rodriguez (11-3) held Texas hitless until Adrián Beltré singled with one out in the fourth. He allowed just three singles and three walks, striking out five.

No one made it past second base for the Rangers until Robinson Chirinos

tripped to lead off the seventh, but he was stranded there when Brandon Workman struck out Joey Gallo and then retired Delino Deshields and Elvis Andrus on groundouts.

"When you're playing a team like this, you have to capitalize on your opportunities," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "And we didn't do that tonight."

## Roundup

### Gardner's 4 hits help Yankees split two with O's

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Standing at the plate with a chance to tie the game, Brett Gardner grounded out to seal a galling defeat to the Baltimore Orioles.

Given the opportunity for redemption, Gardner and the Yankees cranked up the offense to earn a doubleheader split.

Gardner had four hits, homered and drove in three runs to lift New York to a 10-2 victory Monday night.

In the opener, Danny Valencia snapped an 0-for-25 skid with a three-run homer off CC Sabathia, and Baltimore ended a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory.

The first game ended with Gardner hitting a bouncer to first base as a pinch hitter with the potential tying run on third base. He returned in the nightcap to torment the Orioles at the plate and in center field, where he made several fine, running catches.

"Game 1 was a close game and I pinch-hit there at the end of the game and wasn't able to come through," Gardner said. "To be able to turn the page and come back and have a good game in the nightcap — have a relatively easy win and save our pitching staff



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

**The New York Yankees' Brett Gardner watches his two-run home run during the fourth inning of the second game of a Monday doubleheader against the Orioles in Baltimore.**

and our bullpen — I thought that was important."

Gardner led off with a single off Jeffry Ramirez (0-3) and scored on a double by Didi Gregorius. In the fourth, Gardner hit his seventh home run, a two-run drive that made it 3-0.

That was enough offense for Luis Cessa (1-1), who allowed three hits over six shutout innings.

"Anytime you're coming off a loss, you don't want to lose two," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Gardt set the tone early."

A four-run eighth — highlighted by Austin Romine's two-run homer and an RBI double by Gardner — ended any doubt.

Despite allowing a home run to Tim Beckham, Giovanny Gallegos finished for his first major league save.

New York had a season-high 17 hits, at least one from every starter.

**Dodgers 8, Padres 2; Astros 0:** Clayton Kershaw (3-4) pitched six shutout innings, and Cody Bellinger and Justin Turner each had three hits as visiting Los Angeles beat San Diego.

**Giants 2, Cubs 1 (11):** Pablo Sandoval singled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning a day after driving in five runs, sending host San Francisco over Chicago.

**Reds 7, Indians 5:** Anthony DeSclafani (4-1) allowed one run in seven innings, Scott Schebler was 4-for-5 with a homer, and visiting Cincinnati beat Cleveland.

**Rays 10, Tigers 9 (10):** Daniel Robertson hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and host Tampa Bay won for the 12th time in its last 13 home games by beating Detroit.

**Twins 3, Royals 1:** Eduardo Es-

cobar had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh to support Jose Berrios' (9-7) strong outing as host Minnesota beat Kansas City.

**Athletics 2, Astros 0:** Frankie Montas (5-2) and two relievers combined for a five-hitter, Stephen Piscotty homered and hit an RBI single and visiting Oakland beat Houston.

**Pirates 6, Nationals 3 (10):** Backup catcher Bryan Holaday hit a walk-off RBI single with one out in the 10th inning and host Miami beat Milwaukee.

**Mets 4, Phillies 3-3:** Aaron Nola (12-2) allowed one hit in seven shutout innings and lashed a three-run double that sent visiting Philadelphia past New York Mets for a split of their twin-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Wilmer Flores connected for a pinch-hit homer in the bottom of the 10th off Victor Arano (1-1) to give New York the victory. Tim Peterson (2-1) pitched out of trouble in the 10th to get the win.

# SCOREBOARD

## American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	29	.685	2½
New York	59	30	.663	—
Tampa Bay	46	44	.511	15
Toronto	50	36	.561	10½
Baltimore	25	66	.275	27½
<b>Central Division</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>.514</b>	<b>24½</b>
Cleveland	40	48	.451	—
Minnesota	40	48	.433	8½
Chicago	39	60	.333	19½
Kansas City	25	68	.278	24½
<b>West Division</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>.456</b>	<b>—</b>
Houston	32	65	.333	—
Seattle	57	34	.626	3
Oakland	51	46	.569	—
Los Angeles	46	56	.465	14
Texas	40	52	.435	20½

## National League

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	50	39	.562	—
Philadelphia	50	39	.562	—
Washington	46	44	.516	5½
New York	36	52	.409	13½
Miami	44	49	.414	—
<b>Central Division</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>.533</b>	<b>12½</b>
Milwaukee	50	41	.549	—
Chicago	51	37	.546	—
St. Louis	46	46	.516	—
Pittsburgh	42	48	.467	11½
Cincinnati	41	46	.441	14
<b>West Division</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>.549</b>	<b>—</b>
Arizona	45	48	.416	—
Los Angeles	49	41	.549	—
San Francisco	46	46	.516	—
Colorado	46	44	.511	3½
San Diego	35	54	.419	12
<b>Monarchs' games</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>game</b>	<b>1</b>
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Kansas City	1	5	.167	8th game
NY Mets	1	5	.167	9th game
10 innings				
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	10th game
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	11th game
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	12th game
LA Dodgers	3	5	.375	13th game
Chicago	2	5	.200	14th game
NY Yankees	2	5	.200	15th game
Tuesdays' games				
NY Yankees	10	5	.600	1st game
Baltimore	10	5	.600	2nd game
Cincinnati	5	5	.500	3rd game
Tampa Bay	10	5	.600	4th game
NY Yankees	10	5	.600	5th game
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# WIMBLEDON/SPORTS BRIEFS



Serena Williams of the United States returns the ball to Italy's Camila Giorgi during their women's quarterfinals match Tuesday at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

# Serena outlasts Giorgi, earns semifinals berth

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

LONDON — Serena Williams came up with a comeback to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon, then walked off Centre Court with her right index finger aloft.

Yes, no matter what the rankings or seedings say, she still looks like as if she's capable of playing like someone who's No. 1.

Williams moved closer to her eighth title at the All England Club and 24th Grand Slam trophy overall — but first since missing more than a year while having a baby — by beating 52nd-ranked Camila Giorgi of Italy 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

"This is only my fourth tournament back, so I don't feel pressurized. I don't feel I have to win this; I don't feel I have to lose this," Williams said. "I'm just here just to be here and to prove that I'm back. And I feel like I'm back. I still have a long way to go to be where I was."

Williams was seeded 25th by the All England Club, a nod to all of her past success at the grass-court major, including titles the last two times she entered it, in 2015 and 2016. She missed Wimbledon a year ago because she was pregnant, and she went about 16 months between Grand Slam tournaments, so her ranking is just outside the top 10.

That is going to change now.

Next up for the 36-year-old American is a match against No. 13 seed Julia Goerges of Germany, a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 winner over No. 20 Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

## Scoreboard

### Tuesday

At All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, London

**First Round:** Grand Slam Surface: Grass (Seedings in parentheses)

**Second Round:**

Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Gilles Simon, France, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5).

**Women's Singles**

**Quarterfinals**

Jelena Ostapenko (12), Latvia, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.

Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, def. Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, 6-3, 7-5.

Julia Goerges (13), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4.

Serena Williams (25), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

**Quarterfinals**

Fredrik Nielsen, Denmark and Joe Salisbury, Britain, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany and Ben McLachlan (14), Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

**Mixed Doubles**

Alexander Peya, Austria and Nicole Melichar (11), United States, def. Eduard Roger-Vasselin, France and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova (6), Czech Republic, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 9-7.

This is all brand new for Goerges, who had never even been to a Grand Slam quarterfinal before this week. Plus, at Wimbledon in particular, she lost in the first round each of the past five years.

Williams is 3-0 against Goerges, winning in straight sets each time.

"Every match starts from zero," Goerges said. "Everybody has the same chances to win that match, and I'm looking forward to it."

After their most recent meeting, in the French Open's third round last month, Williams pulled

out of that tournament, citing a chest muscle strain that made it too painful to serve.

After going a couple of weeks without hitting a serve, Williams has regained her ability with that stroke nicely at Wimbledon.

She hit one at 122 mph against Giorgi, delivered six of her seven aces in the final set, and won 44 of the last 54 points she served.

The other semifinal Thursday will be No. 11 seed Angelique Kerber of Germany vs. No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia.

Kerber is a former No. 1 who owns two Grand Slam titles and was the runner-up to Williams at the All England Club two years ago. Ostapenko won last year's French Open.

Kerber needed seven match points to close out No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 7-5 at Centre Court, while Ostapenko defeated 2014 Australian Open runner-up Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-5, 6-4 on a windy No. 1 Court.

In the last men's quarterfinal, which was suspended because of darkness after the third set Monday night, 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro defeated Gilles Simon of France 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5).

Del Potro held four match points while serving for the victory at 5-4 in the fourth set, but had to wait until the last tiebreaker to advance in 4 hours, 24 minutes, making it the longest men's singles match of the tournament.

On Wednesday, del Potro faces Rafael Nadal.

## Briefly

# Ronaldo moving to Italian club Juventus

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Cristiano Ronaldo is leaving Real Madrid to join Italian club Juventus, bringing to an end a glittering nine-year spell in Spain.

Ronaldo said Tuesday it has reached an agreement with Juventus after a request by Ronaldo.

The 33-year-old Ronaldo is currently on vacation in Greece after Portugal's elimination from the World Cup. Juventus president Andrea Agnelli flew out Tuesday to meet the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Ronaldo joined Real Madrid in 2009 from Manchester United and was the Spanish club's all-time leading scorer with 451 goals in 438 matches. He helped the club win four Champions League titles — beating Juventus in the final in 2017 — and also won the league and cup twice each.

## Gaviria claims 2nd Tour win on Stage 4

SARZEAU, France — Colombia's Fernando Gaviria took his second win in four stages at the Tour de France on Tuesday, while Olympic champion Greg Van Avermaet kept the yellow leader's jersey.

Gaviria won Stage 4 after edging world champion Peter Sagan in a sprint finish to the flat 121-mile leg from La Baule to Sarzeau that started and finished on the Atlantic coast.

The 23-year-old Gaviria had already won Stage 1 — when he also edged Sagan on his Tour debut for his Quick-Step team.

Defending champion Chris Froome of Sky, who remained 55 seconds back due to his fall in Stage 1, finished safely in the pack with leader Van Avermaet.

After Quick-Step hunted down the breakaway to set up Gaviria, he powered his way down the final meters of the four-kilometer finish — the longest straightaway — to conclude a leg on this Tour.

Gaviria surged across the line

just inches ahead of the hard-charging Sagan, who was trying to add to his Stage 2 win, and Andre Greipel in a close third.

## NFL players union files grievance over anthem

NEW YORK — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance with the league on Tuesday challenging its national anthem policy.

The union says that the new policy, which the league imposed without consultation with the NFLPA, is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement and infringes on players' rights. The filing met a statute of limitations deadline and will be heard by an independent arbitrator, an NFLPA spokesman said.

In May, the NFL approved its national anthem policy at its owners meetings in Atlanta. The policy allows players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room, but forbids them from sitting or taking a knee if they're on the field or the sidelines.

## Lightning sign Kucherov to 8-year extension

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning have signed forward Nikita Kucherov to an eight-year contract extension worth an average of \$9.5 million in salary and annual bonuses.

The team announced the deal Tuesday. The 25-year-old would have been a restricted free agent next summer with one year left on a deal that will pay him nearly \$4.8 million for the 2018-19 season. Now he is set to stay with the Lightning through the 2026-27 as the team's highest-paid player once the extension kicks in after next year.

The two-time All-Star had 39 goals and 100 points with a plus-15 rating last season. He was third in the NHL in points, sixth in assists and tied for ninth in goals.



PETER DEJONG/AP

Stage winner Fernando Gaviria throws his flowers to fans from the podium Tuesday after the fourth stage of the Tour de France, which covered 121 miles from La Baule to Sarzeau, France.

# WORLD CUP



MICHAEL PROBST/AP

**Mesut Ozil scratches his head during a training session of the German team at the World Cup on June 14 near Moscow.**

## Germany makes scapegoat of Ozil

By CIARAN FAHEY  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Same coach, same team manager, same president.

And yet after almost two weeks of reflection, the German soccer federation (DFB) appears to have decided midfielder Mesut Ozil is the main culprit for the team's shocking early World Cup exit.

Team manager Oliver Bierhoff wondered in a newspaper interview if Ozil should even have been taken to the tournament in Russia, while DFB president Reinhart Grindel followed up by demanding the player provide an "answer."

Joachim Löw has not commented on the matter since deciding to stay on as coach.

Ozil, long a key player for Löw, has been in the firing line since he and national teammate Ilkay Gundogan posed for photos with Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in May. Both German-born players have Turkish roots.

While Gundogan attempted to distance himself from the incident in Britain, Ozil has maintained his silence — antagonizing the same people who said the issue had been dealt with before the World Cup.

"Only DFB officials can come up with the idea that a photo with Erdogan is responsible for a defeat against the football giants of South Korea," North Rhine-Westphalia minister president Armin Laschet said on Twitter.

Following Germany's first-round exit, Bierhoff told newspaper *Die Welt* it might have

been better to omit Ozil from the tournament. Bierhoff pulled back after criticism, saying it was a misunderstanding and he did not intend to single out any player for the team's failure.

But Grindel kept the issue alive, telling the latest edition of *Kicker* magazine: "It's true that Mesut has not commented yet. That has disappointed a lot of fans because they have questions and expect an answer. They are right to expect this answer. That's why it's totally clear for me that Mesut should speak on the issue."

Grindel has received just as much criticism as Bierhoff did. The *Berliner Zeitung* newspaper accused the DFB president of "throwing oil on the fire to shine a good light on himself."

Ozil has been one of Germany's standout players since starring at the 2010 World Cup. His performances earned a switch from Schalke to Real Madrid. He has made 92 appearances for Germany, contributing 23 goals from midfield.

Ozil's father, Mustafa, told the Bild tabloid that Bierhoff's statements were "an affront. In my opinion they only serve to save one's own skin."

Mustafa Ozil, who fell out with his son in 2013, suggested a racial motive for the attacks.

"Unfortunately there are still people in the German population who have reservations and prejudices against us of Turkish descent," he said.

"In Mesut's place I'd resign (from the German team). But that's just my personal opinion."

**"There are still people in the German population who have reservations and prejudices against us of Turkish descent."**

Mustafa Ozil

father of German national team player Mesut Ozil, who is being blamed for Germany's early exit from the World Cup

# Teams' diversity due to migration, outreach

By ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — When France's xenophobic fringes disparage the country's diverse World Cup team as more African than European, fans say, "So what?" And then respond with a resounding "Allez les Bleus!"

At a time when populist politicians are trying to choke off or reroute migration flows, what matters to fans of the teams that made the semifinals — England, France, Belgium and Croatia — wasn't the players' ancestry but that they excelled on the field.

Yes, the French team has roots stretching across borders, seas and hemispheres, tracing histories of colonization and the paths of migration that shaped today's world. But nearly all of its players were born and raised in France.

And Tuesday they faced a semifinal match against Belgium, whose country took inspiration from France's multi-ethnic 1998 winning team and has used soccer as a tool for integration and a ladder out of poverty.

Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku embodies that philosophy.

"I'll start a sentence in French and finish it in Dutch, and I'll throw in some Spanish or Portuguese or Lingala, depending on what neighborhood we're in," he wrote in *The Player's Tribune*. "I'm Belgian. We're all Belgian. That's what makes this country cool, right?"

When England faces Croatia in the other semifinal match on Wednesday, it will field a team that coach Gareth Southgate says "represents modern England." With 11 of 23 players of African or Caribbean descent, it's the country's most diverse national team yet. Several Croatian players were also foreign-born.

Europe has been enjoying the benefits of migration for centuries, and the diverse rosters at this year's World Cup are just the latest example.

"Football allows us to put immigration on stage, a question that is agitating European countries right now," said Yvan Gastaut, a University of Nice historian who curated an exhibit on soccer and migration. "For people who see immigration as a danger, this World Cup story won't resolve that. But it allows us to take stock of the reality of the world, of mobility, movements, multiple identities."

Europe owes its sporting power today to a long-



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

**Belgium's Romelu Lukaku, top, and teammates celebrate Belgium's first goal of its quarterfinal match against Brazil on July 5 in Kazan, Russia.**

running outreach into poor suburbs or neighborhoods, giving kids of all backgrounds access to coaches and fields and facilities — and teams more talent to choose from. A 2013 study seemed to vindicate that strategy: In examining 10 years of Europe's Champions League matches, it found that more diverse teams outperformed less diverse ones.

And diversity is always easier to digest when the team is winning.

"When things were going well, I was reading newspaper articles and they were calling me Romelu Lukaku, the Belgian striker. When things weren't going well, they were calling me Romelu Lukaku, the Belgian striker of Congolese descent," Lukaku wrote. "If you don't like the way I play, that's fine. But I was born here. I grew up in Antwerp, and Liege and Brussels."

AP Sports Writer John Leicester in St. Petersburg, Russia, contributed to this report.



NATALIA PISARENKO/AP

**France's starting players pose for a team photo at the beginning of the quarterfinal match against Uruguay on July 6 in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia.**

## WORLD CUP

# FIFA fines raise questions

Discipline for infractions by players, teams, fans can seem curious

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The World Cup rulings in FIFA's disciplinary court have not always been easy to comprehend.

Sweden was slapped 70,000 Swiss francs (\$70,700) for players wearing non-approved socks, and Croatia was hit with the same monetary penalty when a player took a non-sponsor's drink onto the field.

Yet a Russia fan's neo-Nazi banner and a Serbian World War Two-era nationalist symbol waved inside venues drew only 10,000 Swiss francs (\$10,100) fines, paid by their national soccer bodies, which are responsible for fan misconduct at games.

Commercial rules can seem to be enforced more strictly than bad behavior, and Argentine great Diego Maradona appears to enjoy a unique code of conduct of his own.

Maradona, a paid FIFA ambassador, uses Facebook to explain away allegations of racism and offensive behavior from VIP seats, charges that have previously led soccer's world governing body to ban players.

At times, the priorities and consistency in FIFA decisions can seem a curious form of World Cup justice. Even before the World Cup, FIFA was criticized by the anti-discrimination group Kick It Out for prioritizing commercial gain over eliminating racism from the sport.

But sports law expert James Kitching says FIFA's approach makes some sense, because the World Cup depends on sponsors

**'A financial sanction is always heavy in a commercial case because exclusivity is something Coca-Cola or Adidas pays millions of dollars for.'**

James Kitching  
former head of sports legal affairs at the Asian Football Confederation

and broadcasters paying for exclusive deals.

"A financial sanction is always heavy in a commercial case because exclusivity is something Coca-Cola or Adidas pays millions of dollars for," Kitching, the former head of sports legal affairs at the Asian Football Confederation, told The Associated Press.

The \$70,000 fines imposed on Sweden and Croatia followed repeated warnings from FIFA.

"It's a sensible solution," Kitching said of the heavy fines. "If they are not seen to protect [sponsor exclusivity], they put everything at risk."

FIFA reacted strongest to ambush marketing at the 2010 World Cup against a European brewery challenging Budweiser's exclusivity rights.

A group of women sat together at a game in matching minidresses in the colors of the brewery. The case was dropped only with the brewery promising not to try a similar stunt at a future World Cup.

Still, such cases can make FIFA seem more anxious about commercial threats to its \$6 billion World Cup revenue than off-fence fan behavior.

So far fines imposed by FIFA's disciplinary committee in Russia

have added up to 482,000 Swiss francs (\$487,000).

A further six-figure sum must be paid by federations and players in mandatory fines for on-field conduct. Teams due to pay up 15,000 Swiss francs (\$15,150) for getting five yellow cards in a game, rising by 3,000 Swiss francs (\$3,300) for subsequent bookings, include Argentina, Colombia and Morocco.

Argentina is set to pay the highest World Cup fine for a second straight tournament.

A 105,000 Swiss francs (\$106,000) penalty was for a range of offenses by fans at a demoralizing 3-0 loss against Croatia.

The money due to settle disciplinary cases is added to FIFA's development budget totaling hundreds of millions each year.

Skeptics could point to the fines helping for the "relevant development projects" cited by FIFA last year to explain Maradona's new ambassador duty. It brought the often-volatile Argentine back into the fold after years of public spats with previous FIFA leaders and the consequences were easily seen in Russia.

Maradona's double middle-finger gesture celebrating a winning goal for Argentina against Nigeria was seen globally in the official FIFA broadcast. A similar gesture



GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

**Sweden's Andreas Granqvist, rear, challenges Mexico's Javier Hernandez for the ball during their Group F match on June 27. FIFA fined Sweden's soccer federation \$70,700 for players wearing unapproved branded clothing (socks), saying Sweden defied requests to "cease the activity that led to the sanction."**

by England's Dele Alli in a qualifying game last year led FIFA to ban him for the next qualifier.

At a short and intense World Cup finals tournament, banning players has more impact.

FIFA resisted calls to ban Switzerland players Granit Xhaka and Xherdan Shaqiri in Russia.

Its rules suggested mandatory two-game bans were possible for celebrating goals with hand gestures of an Albania eagle likely to provoke rival Serbia fans. Both players were fined.

Croatia defender Domagoj Vida was only warned Sunday for a social media post with comments celebrating Ukraine after helping his team eliminate Russia in the quarterfinals. Before the 2014 World Cup, FIFA banned Croatia's Josip Simunic for 10 games for leading fans in a nationalist chant after a qualification playoff.

Apparently there's no consistency, although Kitching suggests: "There has been a shift perhaps on how (FIFA) have treated such cases."

## Crowds in Moscow make Qatar rethink 2022 plans

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The big numbers of Latin American fans who came to Russia are making 2022 World Cup organizers rethink their own plans for Qatar.

Tens of thousands of people gathered in central Moscow even when their team was not playing. The much smaller city of Doha would be packed for the tournament in November 2022 if the same occurred.

In the streets around Red Square, fans from Peru, Mexico and Argentina were a vibrant presence from days before the World Cup started.

"What we saw in Moscow, which has two stadiums, is that a city can be very quickly overwhelmed by big crowds," senior Qatari official Nasser Al Khater said in the Russian capital. "The fact you're going to have the fans of 32 teams pretty much in a city, I think it is going to be electrifying."

With eight stadiums in Doha or within an hour of travel, the 28-day World Cup is sure to dominate the tiny emirate of only 2.58 million people.

"We want it to [take over Doha]," Al Khater said, adding one possible change.

"Seeing the people and how they move, trying to imagine how the traffic flow will be like in Qatar, we're re-considering where



ALEXANDER ZEMlianichenko/AP

**Colombia fans react while watching the match against England on a big screen in a fan zone in Moscow on July 3. The big crowds have Qatar rethinking its plans for 2022.**

we put our Fan Fest."

A World Cup host city must have a hub for fans to meet and watch games on giant screens. Though Moscow has its Fan Fest

south of the center, Qatar's was planned in downtown Al Bidda Park next to Doha Bay.

"It's in the wrong spot," Al Khater said.

"It would get in the way actually of free flow of people."

Doha will likely have to cope with more fans of European teams. They were fewer than expected in Russia, yet the semifinal lineup has four teams from the continent.

"I'm wondering, 'Where are the European fans?'" Al Khater said. "I don't know if it's going to be the same when Qatar comes along. People regret not coming if they didn't come. It was amazing football, amazing atmosphere."

Qatar organizers have had 180 staff in Russia observing how to run a World Cup, and could keep one new feature in four years.

Visitors to Russia applied for a laminated Fan ID photo card to bypass entry visa rules. The process also allowed Russian authorities to screen people considered to be a security threat, and monitor who entered stadiums.

Some saw the ID system as a data protection risk, yet many fans embraced their laminates as though members of a World Cup club.

"We think it worked well. We are looking into the Fan ID, to see if it's a way of making sure that we know who's entering Qatar," Al Khater said, describing Russia's organization as impeccable. "It's going to be a high bar to beat."

# WORLD CUP

## Capsule

A capsule look at the Croatia-England semifinal:

**AFN:** AFN-Sports2, 8 p.m. CET, 3 a.m. JKT.

**WHY CROATIA WILL WIN:** A generation of players in their primes, or just past their primes, led by a strong midfield with Ivan Pericic (29), Ivan Rakitic (30) and Luka Modric (32), with Mario Mandzukic (32) heading the attack.

**WHY ENGLAND WILL WIN:** After falling short for generations, coach Gareth Southgate has put together a team that is playing like a team. Plus the Croats are coming off consecutive penalty-kick wins and figure to have to more tired legs.

**PROJECTED LINEUPS:** Croatia: 4-2-3-1 — Subasic; Vrsaljko, Lovren, Vida, Strinic; Rakitic, Modric; Rebic, Kamaric, Pericic; Mandzukic. England: 3-5-2 — Pickford, Walker, Stones, Maguire; Henderson, Trippier, Alli, Lingard, Young, Sterling, Kane.

**MAN IN THE MIDDLE:** Cuneyt Cakir of Turkey will referee his second straight World Cup semifinal match, after Argentina's penalty-kick win over the Netherlands four years ago. Cakir took Iran's 1-0 win over Morocco and Argentina's 2-1 victory over Nigeria in the group stage this year.

**WORLD CUP HISTORY:** In England's last semifinal match, Andreas Brehme's 60th-minute shot deflected off an onrushing Paul Parker at the penalty arc and looped over goalkeeper Peter Shilton to put West Germany ahead. England tied the score when Parker's cross bounced off Juergen Kohler and fell to Gary Lineker, who beat goalkeeper Bodie Illgner to the far post in the 80th minute. In the shootout, Stuart Pearce was stopped by Illgner on England's fourth attempt, Olaf Thon converted for a 4-3 lead and Chris Waddle shot over the crossbar.

Croatia went ahead in the 1998 semifinals only 26 seconds into the second half when Aljosa Asanovic split the defense with a pass, and Davor Suker scored his fifth goal of the tournament. Lilian Thuram tied the score a minute later after stealing the ball from Zvonimir Boban near the Croat penalty area and exchanging passes with Youri Djorkaeff. Thuram scored the go-ahead goal with a curling shot in the 70th minute, and France won 2-1.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** Croatia played for Yugoslavia before splitting off in 1990. England has four wins, two losses and one draw in the matchup, including a 4-2 victory in the group stage of the 2004 European Championship. The teams have not met since qualifying for the 2010 World Cup, when England won 4-1 in Zagreb and 5-1 at Wembley Stadium.

**SUSPENSIONS:** None

**JUST SAYING:** Croatia: "It won't be easy for us. We will focus in the next few days to recover as much as possible. We will look for the best solutions ahead the match, considering we have a few players with minor issues after the match against Russia. It won't be easy, but to get into the semifinals it's a new motive for us." — Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic, through a translator

**England:** "Probably 18 months ago I talked to them about if you have success with England, it will be so much bigger than anything you can imagine, and I think that is probably starting to register with them now." — England coach Gareth Southgate

— Associated Press

# Southgate could fire up England

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — It's time for Gareth Southgate to come up with a big speech of his own.

After England gave up a tying goal to Brazil in first-half stoppage time in the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, Southgate felt coach Sven-Goran Eriksson lacked inspirational oratory in the locker room at halftime.

Now the 47-year-old former England international is leading the team, which plays Croatia on Wednesday in England's first World Cup semifinal in 28 years. The match is riveting the Land of Hope and Glory, which won its only title at home in 1966.

"Probably 18 months ago I talked to them about if you have success with England, it will be so much bigger than anything you can imagine, and I think that is probably starting to register with them now," Southgate said after Saturday's 2-0 quarterfinal victory over Sweden.

Southgate, who didn't play against Brazil, took a swipe at Eriksson after the 2-1 loss, comparing the cool-speaking Swede to his Yorick opposition leader widely regarded as dull.

"We need Churchill, but we got Iain Duncan-Smith," an unnamed defender, later identified as Southgate, was quoted as saying in a 2004 book by Joe Lovejoy.

No word whether Southgate will offer his "blood, toil, tears and sweat." With the coach keeping his strategies close to his now-famous



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

England coach Gareth Southgate could have come up with an inspirational halftime speech on Wednesday when his team plays Croatia. Southgate criticized his coach in 2002 over his dull locker room speech.

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No word whether Southgate will offer his "blood, toil, tears and sweat." With the coach keeping his strategies close to his now-famous

vest, a young roster led by Harry Kane hopes to succeed where Gary Lineker, Michael Owen, Alan Shearer, David Beckham and Wayne Rooney failed.

England is ranked 12th in the world and Croatia 10th. The winner advances to Sunday's final against France or Belgium, which will be at Luzhniki Stadium.

Croatia lost its only previous semifinal match to host France in 1998. It beat Denmark in the round of 16 and hosts Russia in the quarterfinals this year, becoming only the second team with consecutive shootout wins in the same World Cup since Argentina defeated Yugoslavia and Italy in 1990.

**Colors:** Croatia will wear its alternate navy-and-black jerseys and black shorts for the fifth straight match, and England will wear white shirts and white shorts. The Croats have not worn their white-and-red checkerboard shirts since their opener against Nigeria. England wore all red against Tunisia, Colombia and Sweden, and white shirts with blue shorts against Panama and Belgium. The English also wore white in the 1966 and 1990 semifinals.

AP Sports Writer James Ellingworth contributed to this report.

## Set: Trippier, Young, Alli driving team's set piece success

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Young set up England's first goal in the 2-0 quarterfinal win over Sweden with a driven corner from the left wing that was headed in by Harry Maguire. Trippier's delivery from the right has been even more impressive, so much so that some have nicknamed him the "Bury Beckham" — a reference to the northern town where he was born.

"I used to watch Beckham and (World Cup-winning Italy midfielder Andrea) Pirlo, players like this, over their careers — they have got a fantastic right foot on them and everyone knows that," Trippier said. "Beckham was the one I always looked up to; the technique, his crossing, on the move or set pieces."

Only a few months ago, Young and Trippier were far from sure of getting into England's World Cup squad, never mind the starting team. However, Gareth Southgate, the team's forward-thinking coach, decided to switch formation to a 3-5-2 last year in an effort to give more security to his defense, enable his midfielders to have more possession, and to get more support for star striker Harry Kane.

Another side-effect was the necessity for wing backs, and who better than the energetic Young and Trippier?

But it's more than just England's crossing ability. It's what the players are doing when the ball goes into the area.

Southgate spent time in the United States at the start of the year, watching the Super Bowl but also NBA games in a bid to discover how teams get themselves into space near the basket via choreographed moves and plays. Southgate also recruited Allan Russell, the team's attack



England's Dele Alli, center, scores a goal past Sweden goalkeeper Robin Olsen during their quarterfinal. England has scored the most World Cup goals off set pieces (8) since Portugal in 1966.

coach, who has studied set-play moves in football and the NBA.

At the World Cup, England's players have acted as screens to block defenders and give teammates space to attack the ball, as seen in England's opening goal against Panama scored by center back John Stones. They've used decoy runners. They've lined up in bizarre formations to confuse their markers — like against Colombia in the round of 16 where four players stood in a row before splintering off.

It helps having big, tall players like Maguire and Stones to get on the head of the crosses.

"They are willing to put their

heads through a brick wall," Young said with smile.

Three of England's goals have come from the penalty spot, all converted by Kane, and the team won a penalty shootout for the first time at a World Cup to beat Colombia. Southgate has worked on improving England players' psychology going into shootouts, while goalkeeper Jordan Pickford used information — detailing where Colombia's penalties were likely to go — that was written on a water bottle next to his goal.

Meanwhile, five of England's goals have been headers, also tying the record for a single World Cup since 1966. It was telling that

against Sweden, when both goals were from headers, England's players picked their moments to cross in the ball.

Kyle Walker, for example, repeatedly found himself in good areas and space to deliver a cross but chose to lay the ball off to players with better delivery like Trippier and Jesse Lingard, who assisted Dele Alli for the second goal.

Croatia has scored two set-piece goals at the World Cup — one being a penalty — so the English appear to have the advantage in this department.

Expect them to exploit it in Moscow on Wednesday.

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# SET GOALS

England reaps rewards from mastering dead-ball play

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REPINO, Russia — Forget bending them like Beckham. At this World Cup, it has been a case of teasing them in like Trippier and angling them in like Ashley.

Set pieces have been the main source of goals at the tournament in Russia — 42 percent, no less — and England has been the master of that department on its run to the semifinals.

Eight of its 11 goals so far have come via free kicks, corners or penalties, which is four more than any other team and the most since Portugal also scored eight set-piece goals at the World Cup in 1966.

This hasn't come about by fluke. Meticulous preparation — including a trip to the United States to take in an NBA game — the selection of specific players with strong dead-ball delivery, and the defensive nature of high-pressure tournament soccer has led to a point where set pieces could yet lead England to a second World Cup title.

"Set pieces have been a massive thing for us and other teams through the whole of the World Cup," Ashley Young, one of England's set-piece takers, said Monday. "Obviously we work on them in attack and defense, and they are vitally important for us."

"They have worked in our favor and we'll carry on working on them."

A decade ago, England had one of the best set-piece takers in football in David Beckham, whose precision and ability to curl the ball in from the wing was an important weapon at major tournaments. So famous were his crosses that a movie, "Bend It Like Beckham," was spun off it in 2002.

In England's class of 2018, free kicks, corners and wide crosses are mostly provided by England's wing backs, Young and Kieran Trippier, and they are proving tough to defend.

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Above: England's Kieran Trippier, left, heads the ball over Sweden's Emil Forsberg during their quarterfinal game. Trippier and teammate Ashley Young, pictured at left with coach Gareth Southgate, have proved difficult to defend on England's set pieces during the World Cup. The team has scored eight of its 11 goals on set pieces.

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